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THE STATE CAPITAL.

Legislative Proceedings.

A Number of Bills Passed Finally by the Senate.

A Bill Introduced for the Secession of Twelve Wards from Pittsburgh.

The Finance Bill Considered in the House.

Amended and Passed to Second Reading.

Specie Resumption Resolution Laid on the Table.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.
HARRISBURG, January 21, 1876.

SENATE.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock, the Lieutenant Governor in the Chair.

Bills Introduced.

An act to relieve surviving volunteer soldiers of the Mexican war.

Providing for a bounty of two hundred dollars to every Pennsylvanian in the Mexican war.

An act providing for mortgage leases and recording the same.

A joint resolution providing that the Chief Clerks of the House and Senate be directed to purchase a copy of the general railroad laws for each member of the Legislature, the cost not to exceed three dollars and a half per copy.

An act providing that costs in contested elections when the courts decide the complaint without probable cause, shall be paid by the districts in which the contests arise, collectable as other debts against districts.

Bills Passed Third Reading.

The following bills passed third reading and were presented to the House for concurrence:

An act authorizing the payment of expenses for calling out the National Guard for suppressing the riot in Luzerne and Schuylkill counties.

An act providing for the transfer of the awards of arbitrators by filing a certified copy of the records of the case in another county.

An act providing that in cases where bail in stay of execution is likely to prove insolvent that the Court may call the bail into court and demand further security.

Ground Hog Resolutions.

Mr. WOOD offered the following resolutions which were laid over for second reading on Wednesday:

WHEREAS, The ground hog has been making and superintending the weather ever since the discovery of America; and

WHEREAS, There was never accorded any appropriation of money for his arduous and responsible services; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered him, that he be requested to forecast the weather until Old Probabilities can afford to dispense with his services.

Resolved, That ground hog day be declared a legal holiday.

Secession.

Mr. WOOD also read a bill in place for the secession of all wards from the Twenty-fourth to the Thirty-fifth inclusive from the city of Pittsburgh.

Bills on First Reading.

An act to regulate the amount of toll and other charges to be laid and collected by bona companies of the State.

An act relating to judicial sales and the preservation of liens and mortgages.

An act to provide for the refunding and redemption of the existing indebtedness of counties, cities, boroughs, townships, school districts and other municipality or incorporated districts.

An act conferring additional powers upon the several boroughs.

A supplementary act fixing and regulating the terms of all members of Councils, city, ward, borough and township officers, excepting school directors elected by the people, and fixing the time for the inauguration of mayors of cities.

An act authorizing bridge companies to exercise their corporate franchises within less than three thousand feet of other bridges.

An act to provide for the erection of watering troughs for the use of horses and cattle on public roads.

An act for the prevention of cruel and unnecessary experiments upon dumb animals.

A joint resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution.

An act relating to appeals in cases of summary conviction.

An act relating to bail in criminal cases taken by Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Aldermen or Justices of the Peace, requiring them to record on the information the residence of persons taken as bail and the location and extent of their property.

An act relating to the transfer of loans of cities and counties.

An act relating to service of the time and place of meeting of arbitrators.

An act to empower Courts of Quarter Sessions to exclude farm lands from boroughs.

An act conferring equity of jurisdiction upon Courts of Common Pleas in all cases of mortgages of property and franchises by railroad, canal or navigation companies.

Adjourned until Tuesday at 11 A. M.

HOUSE.

The House met at 10 o'clock.

The Finance Bill.

On motion of Mr. TALLEY, the rules were suspended and consideration of the Finance bill was taken up. The bill was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Sinking Fund shall consist of the proceeds of the sale of public works or any part thereof, income from or proceeds of the sale of any stocks owned by the Commonwealth, and two-thirds of all taxes on capital stock of all corporations. The General Revenue Fund shall consist of one-third of all taxes on capital stock of corporations, and other revenues of the Commonwealth; provided that for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1876, two-thirds of the amount derived from this tax on the capital stock of corporations shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund, and the remaining one-third go to the Sinking Fund.

On motion of Mr. GUNSTER, the following additional proviso was added to the first section: "Provided that the act shall not be construed as to authorize the use or application of any moneys which under existing laws have been already paid into the Sinking Fund, otherwise than in the extinguishment of the public debt, unless in case of war, invasions or insurrection; also that the State Treasurer, on the first business day of each month, shall render to the Auditor General a full statement of the grand total amount in the State Treasury, and the number of banks, corporations, firms and individuals with whom deposited."

On motion of Mr. STOTZER, the following was added as a third section to the bill:

SECTION 3. Whenever it shall appear in the monthly statement of the State Treasurer, as required by the twelfth section of the act of May 9, 1874, relating to the State Treasurer and Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, that there is a balance remaining in the Sinking Fund which for the time being may not be required for the payment of any part of the public debt or interest thereon, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are hereby authorized and directed to invest such unexpended balance in bonds of the United States or of this Commonwealth at a rate not exceeding the then market value of such bonds, the interest and other proceeds thereof to be applied in like manner as other moneys in the Sinking Fund by law are required to be applied.

The bill as amended was then passed to a second reading.

A number of petitions and memorials were presented and appropriately referred.

Specie Payments.

On motion of Mr. JACKSON, consideration of the following resolution was taken up:

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress are hereby instructed and the members requested to use all proper means to secure the repeal of so much of the act of Congress approved January 14, 1875, entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments," as provides for the redemption in coin on and after January 1st, 1879, of outstanding legal tender notes of the United States.

He moved to refer it to the Committee on Federal Relations. Not agreed to—yeas 77, nays 85.

Mr. HASSON offered a substitute to the above:

Resolved, That if the Senate concur, our Senators are hereby instructed and Congressmen requested to support such measures as will place the business of the country on a reliable basis, bring about the resumption of specie payment at the earliest practical time consistent with the best interests of the people, keeping in view at the same time the rights and welfare of the debtor as well as the creditor class of citizens.

Mr. WOLFE offered an amendment to strike out the above, which was disagreed to.

Mr. JACKSON supported his resolution in an able speech, replete with logic and eloquence. He thought merchants, manufacturers and the industrial classes of Pennsylvania would be relieved by the repeal of the resumption act.

Mr. WOLFE spoke in opposition, when, on motion of Mr. HUBS, the whole matter was laid on the table.

Final Adjournment.

Mr. MITCHELL called up his resolution providing for the final adjournment of the Legislature on the 30th of March, and that no bill be introduced after the 13th of March.

The resolution was defeated by a vote of yeas 57 and nays 120.

Secession.

A bill was read in place for the secession of the Thirty-second and Thirty-fifth wards of Pittsburgh.

There were no reports from committees or bills read in place.

Adjourned till Monday evening at 7:30.
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FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

(FIRST SESSION.)

WASHINGTON, January 21, 1876.

SENATE.

In the opening prayer this morning, Chaplain Sunderland, after invoking the blessings of Divine Providence upon the nation, said: "And thy servants here assemble this day to remember him who so lately presided in this chamber, who beseech Thee to let Thy heavenly assurance fall upon them as it did upon him."

Southern Pacific Railroad.

The Chair laid before the Senate a memorial of Mr. Stanley Matthews and the Committee of the National Railroad Convention, recently held in St. Louis, setting forth the advantages of certain thoroughfares and asking aid for the Southern Pacific Railroad. Referred.

Alcoholic Liquor Traffic.

Mr. SHERMAN, from the Committee on Finance, reported a substitute for the Senate bill to provide for a commission on theffi subject of alcoholic liquor trac. Placed on the Calendar.

The Army Medical Corps.

Mr. LOGAN introduced a bill to reduce the number and increase the efficiency of the medical corps of the army. Referred.

Mr. FERLINGHUYSEN moved that when the Senate adjourned to-day it be to meet on Monday next. Agreed to.

In Memoriam.

After the expiration of the morning hour Mr. BOREWELL announced the death of Vice President Wilson, and delivered a graceful eulogy, which he closed by offering the usual resolutions of respect.

HOUSE.

Retirement of Judge McCandless.

Mr. KNOTT, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill for the retirement on full pay of Hon. Wilson McCandless, of the Western District of Pennsylvania, in consequence of physical disabilities, notwithstanding he has not attained the age of seventy years.

Mr. LAWRENCE opposed the bill as establishing a dangerous precedent.

Mr. KNOTT remarked that a few years ago Congress deemed it wise to make a provision that United States judges on reaching the age of seventy years, might retire on their pay after having served ten years. If that law was just and wise, it was impossible for him to conceive the injustice or unwisdom of passing the bill for the relief of a faithful servant, who had served as Judge for twenty years, who lacked but two or three years of the necessary age, and whose physical disabilities would prevent his longer occupation of the bench with justice to the civil pension list. His (Democratic) side of the House was not responsible. It was on the statute book now, and the present bill was simply to extend its benefits to one who was certainly entitled to it if any one was.

Mr. HOLMAN said no act had ever passed Congress which was so much against the spirit and genius of American institutions as the act to pension Judges. In the early days of the republic such legislation would have been deemed simply impossible. The original law was extremely liberal, and he objected to extending the provisions of the unwise measure beyond its original scope.

The passage of the bill was advocated by Messrs. FRYE, HOPKINS and CONGER. The last named called attention to the fact that under the existing law the Judge was not compelled either to resign or retire, and there was no one to perform the duties of the office.

The bill passed—yeas 142, nays 100.

In Memoriam.

The House then took action on the usual resolutions in honor of the memory of the late Vice President Wilson.

Mr. HOLMAN asked unanimous consent to extend the privilege of the floor to a delegation of Indiana editors during the eulogies to be pronounced. Adopted.

FOREIGN ADVICES.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Common Unit for Money and Accounts.

LONDON, January 21.—The *Times*, which yesterday in its financial article rejected Senator Sherman's proposition looking to a common unit for money and accounts for the United States and Great Britain, to-day editorially approves the measure. It says in America, in retiring to specie payment, will almost enter upon a new phase of monetary development. Then, therefore, the change in the American standard of value will involve no serious shock to social and commercial arrangements of men, as would ensue upon the alteration in the value of a British sovereign. The proposition opens no less a prospect than the establishment of a common monetary system for all English speaking people, by the end of the century, will probably rule or influence the people of the greater part of the earth's surface, and monopolize even a larger share of its commerce.

LATEST RIVER NEWS.

WHEELING, January 21, 1876.

River nineteen feet nine inches and rising.

OIL CITY, January 21, 1876.

River five feet seven inches and falling slowly.

RICE'S LANDING, January 21, 1876.

River ten feet ten inches and stationary.

PARKER'S LANDING, January 21, 1876.

River seven feet three inches and falling.

BROWNSVILLE, January 21, 1876.

River twelve feet four inches and station ary. Cloudy.

AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House—The Gladiator.

Last night being Mr. McCullough's benefit, he naturally selected the strongest character in his *repertoire* for the evening. As *Spartacus*, he had an opportunity for the display of talents that have been rather held in abeyance in his other representations during the week. His success, therefore, last night was unqualified. The excellence of his support was also noteworthy, Mr. Gotthold as *Phesarius* all but dividing the honors with the star.

At the matinee to-day the Lady of Lyons will be given, with Mr. McCullough as *Claude Melnotte*. This evening the closing performance of the engagement, "Macbeth," will be presented.

Maggie Mitchell.

On Monday evening Maggie Mitchell commences an engagement for a week at the Opera House, supported by Mr. Harris and her own company. During her stay she will appear in most of the characters which she has made so popular.

Library Hall—Father Gerdesmann.

The American Pere Hyacinthe—Ex-Father Gerdesmann—lectures at Library Hall on Monday evening, his suoject being "The Romish Church of To-day." Having had ample opportunity to know whereof he will speak, he will doubtless attract a large audience.

Trimble's Varieties.

The evidence of the excellence of the entertainments at this place of amusement is to be found in the undiminished patronage which it receives. Mr. Ellis understands that to be successful he must be energetic, and that he is such, the ever-changing features of the attractions presented is proof.

School of Design.

The free exhibition of the School of Design commences Monday. Besides giving a better idea than can be obtained in any other way of the objects and results of the School, the exhibition in itself will be attractive and well worth a visit.

Time Test Applied to Pianos.

Time is the only infallible gauger of men and their works. It is a significant fact that of all the first-class Pianos who have had agencies in this city, there is only *one* which has held undisputed sway over all for more than twenty years, and which has remained in the same dealer's hands from the beginning. We refer to the Steinway instruments, represented here by H. Kleber & Brother. All the rest, without an exception, have been abandoned and thrown aside from time to time by the respective dealers to make room for others, in the hope of finally getting hold of a Pianoforte which would fully fill the bill, and gain the confidence of the public at large.

The Steinway manufacture is the only one which for twenty years has been tried and found *not* wanting, and all attempts at rivaling them have so far proved utterly unavailing.

Homeopathic Medicines and Publications.

The only place to get reliable and pure Homeopathic Preparations is at George W. Backofen's, No. 161 Smithfield street, above Sixth avenue.

SECOND EDITION

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Cuban Question.

Letter from Secretary Fish to Mr. Cushing.

The Situation on the Island Reviewed.

The Necessity for Intervention.

Treaty Violations by the Spanish Authorities.

The Virginius Massacre at Santiago de Cuba.

"Butcher" Burriel Still Unpunished.

Trade and Commerce Injured by the Insurrection.

An Offer of Mediation by the United States Refused.

WASHINGTON, January 21, 1876.

The Cuban Question.

The President to-day enclosed a letter of Mr. Fish and copies of correspondence to the House of Representatives in response to a resolution of that body calling for copies of correspondence in relation to the Cuban question. The documents are voluminous, and comprise much that has herstofore been published. It appears that on the 5th of November last the Secretary of State addressed two lengthy letters to Minister Cushing at Madrid, the first of which refers to the neglect of Spain to comply with the stipulations of the protocol of November, 1873, and particularly in relation to the trial of Burriel according to the terms of said protocol. It appears no steps had been taken to that end by the Spanish Government, but that it was even then discussing certain abstract questions when it should be making an investigation without waiting for any communication from the United States. The Secretary says: "It has been and is our desire to adjust this and every other question, and in this desire we have been pressed almost to the limit of endurance. In the same spirit you have again been instructed to represent to Spain the last step in the course of reference to Gen. Burriel involves to both countries, and its effects upon our relations, and, therefore, it is earnestly hoped their representation may be received and responded to in the same spirit. Whether this question shall precede or follow the treaty question or the confiscation case is left to your discretion." On the 16th of November a telegram was sent by Mr. Cushing to Mr. Fish stating that the Spanish note in the case of Burriel repeated the assurance of the trial of Burriel. On the same date (November 5, 1875) the Secretary of State also addressed another communication to Mr. Cushing, which is as follows.

Secretary Fish's Letter.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., November 5, 1875.—Caleb Cushing, Esq., &c., &c.—Sir: Pursuant to an intimation conveyed in my No. 242, it is necessary to recur to the general question of our relations with Spain, and to consider the progress which has been made in disposing of outstanding questions which for more time past, seriously threatened to alter the relations of the two countries at the time of your departure for Madrid. Apart from the general question of the unsatisfactory condition of affairs in Cuba and the failure to suppress the revolution, several prominent questions remained unadjusted, the settlement of which were deemed necessary before any satisfactory relations with Spain could be established or maintained. Upon all these you were instructed. The most prominent among them were the questions arising from the embargo and confiscation of estates of American citizens in Cuba, those relating to the trial of American citizens in that island, violations of treaty obligations, and claims arising out of the capture of the Virginius, including the trial and punishment of General Burriel. And finally the expiration of more than eighteen months it seems advisable to examine what progress has been made, and to consider

Our Present Relations with Spain.

In reference to the arbitrary seizure and withholding of estates and property of citizens of the United States in Cuba, under the proceedings of confiscation or embargo so-called, a separate instruction was addressed to you under date of February 6, prior to your departure for your post. I referred therein to the general facts surrounding these cases, to the arbitrary action of the authorities, by which the property of American citizens had been seized in violation of treaty provisions, in the absence of judicial proceedings without a hearing, and under such circumstances as to call for a vigorous protest and demands on behalf of the Government. The general facts surrounding these cases are well known. is not pretended, so far as I am aware, that any legal qualification for these wrongs has been attempted on the part o f the authorities of Spain, or that these proceedings in the case are defended or upheld. On the contrary, pursuant to a decree issued by the Government on the 12th of July, 1873, the illegality and indefensible character of these acts were admitted, and the embargoes were ordered to be removed and the property to be restored. This decree was at first received in Cuba with

Calm Indifference.

not even published or adverted to, and the proceedings of the authorities remained in no notable respect changed thereby. At the time of the visit of Senor Solor Y. Pla, Minister of Ultramar, the decree was in some instances recognized and some significant steps taken in individual cases to comply therewith. In general, however, it was claimed either that incumbrances existed making compliance therewith impossible, or the delivery was offered burdened by leases or incumbrances and coupled with unfair conditions or demands, or the delivery was avoided on the ground that the particular property was confiscated, not embargoed. In fact the decree was treated in general with supreme indifference. You were informed that the President, while not disposed to question the willingness of the authorities in Spain to do justice to this Government and her citizens, expected that means would be found to compel the agents in Cuba to obey the orders of the supreme Government. Such was the condition of the question at the date of your departure. Numbers of American citizens had at this time been deprived of their property and were anxiously awaiting the performance of promises and assurances which had been given by the Spanish Government. In spite of all the efforts which you have made, intelligent and energetic as they have been, no effectual result has been accomplished. Unmediately after you had entered upon your duties in your No. 24, under date of June 24, you reported a conversation with Mr. Ulloa having reference to this question. In your No. 30, June 22, you advise the department of a note addressed to the Minister of State calling attention to the particular cases of Mr. Criado and Mrs. Farres De Mora, and to the general question. Although the orders of dismissing had been passed as early as January 18, 1873, the then Minister of State at Madrid had expressed surprise and regret at the continued delay in these particular cases. Mr. Ulloa informed you under date of July 7, 1874, that the Ministry was

In Want of Information

as to these cases, and that information had been requested through the Minister of Colonies. He added, however, that the Spanish Government proposed to adopt with all possible dispatch a general system with respect to pending embargoes, and that that important question would be set at rest in comformity with the true interpretation of the treaty of 1795, and the rights which the Spanish Government had for its obligations. These assurances were repeated to you by Mr. Ulloa, as reported in your No. 95 under the date of September 7th, 1874, and in your No. 153, dated November 23. It appears that similar statements were again made. Nevertheless, with all these cases long since brought to the attention of the Spanish Government, with the case of Mrs. Farres de Mora before the Minister of State, in connection with that of Mr. Criado, Mr. Ulloa took occasion to reply in the case of Mr. Criado alone, as reported in your No. 95, to the effect that he was not a *bona fide* citizen of the United State, and thus to avoid a decision of the issue before him, so far as this case was concerned, said Mr. Criado was but one individual, jointly interested with others with the decision of the principle, and because some flaw was supposed to have been found as to his right to claim the benefit of the general principle, when a decided opportunity was taken to decline to make any decision on the principle itself. It is ascertained, however, that not only the claim that Mr. Criado is not a citizen is not well founded, but a trial of his claim before a mixed commission is progressing, and this question has not there been raised. But the advocate on the part of Spain is understood to have declared himself satisfied as to Mr. Criado's citizenship.

The Spanish Government thus avoiding the issue, you again argued the question in the cases of Mrs. Farres De Mora and Mrs. Delgado, as reported in your No. 322. Subsequent to this date, in several dispatches, viz: In your Nos. 387, 442, 452 and 511, the last being dated September 8th ultimo, and in several telegrams, you have reported the progress of

A Scheme of Settlement

which it was thought was about to be accomplished, when a change in the Cabinet suddenly displaced Mr. Castro. Whether, had Mr. Castro remained in office, a general order or decree would have been issued of the character referred to in your No. 511, it is, of course, impossible to say, and whether, if issued, it would have received a more respectful obedience than prior orders on this question must also remain unanswered. However, you state that the question has been reopened, and, as you inform me, with some prospect of adjustment. But no adjustment has yet been reached, and the general question has been pending for more than six years.

Another Treaty Violation.

The kindred treaty question in reference to the trial of citizens of the United States in Cuba by court martial, and the arrest and punishment of our citizens without trial in that island in violation of the provisions of the treaty of 1795, is substantially in the same position. This Government, prior to your appointment, has several times nately been compelled to interfere in behalf of its citizens on several occasions, where the authorities in Cuba had entirely disregarded, not only the provisions of our treaty, but the rules of civilized warfare. After your arrival at your post you addressed the Government in reference thereto on various occasions, both in connection with confiscation and embargo cases and separately. The authorities of Spain have been loud in their denunciation of acts of cruelty when practiced by Carlists, and while in some quarters martial law has been declared upon as the act of a foreign mother country or her colonial authorities, when deemed necessary and convenient, still the same difficulty has occurred in introducing any Minister of State to fairly meet the question, and either commit himself to the justification of such practices or to frankly admit they were in violation of treaty obligations and public law, and to provide a remedy. It is true that in isolated cases, when the Spanish Government has been shown that flagrant outrage on trial by courts martial implied a state of war in Cuba, which might lead to logical consequences, the authorities have admitted

The Justice of Our Position,

as in orders sent to the Captain General in 1863 suspending the trial of the marks of the bark Union by the ordinary tribunals, pursuant to the treaty of 1795, as referred to in my No. 246; but in general, when these questions have been presented, different Ministers of State have contended themselves with an expression of their intention to fairly respond and the intention of Spain to perform all her treaty obligations. Notably among them you state, in your 193, that after having address d Mr. Ulloa upon this question in the Dockras case, he promised to meet the issue. That promise remains unperformed, and although the late negotiations by which it was hoped some solution of these questions might be reached would apply also to this question, the matter remains undisposed of, and the authorities of Cuba are enabled, upon convenient occasions, in obedience to a supposed necessity, to again resort to military tribunals or to punish without trial. The

Simple Narration of Facts

as to these two questions, promises made and repeated, the assurances given from time to time that something should be done, the admission of the justice of the demands of the United States at least to the extent of expressing regret for these wrongs, and promising redress, followed as they have been, by absolutely no performance and no practical steps toward their performance, need no extended comment. In cases of embargo and confiscation not only have wrongs been long since done, but are continuing, and repeated wrongs are daily inflicted. The authorities of Spain in Cuba during all this time have been using the revenues confiscated or embargoed, and appropriating much of the property itself, and in some cases executing long leases or actually making sales, either on an allegation that leases were due or without any excuse whatever. Cases of arrest and punishment, citizens of the United States in like manner have undergone punishment, because the authorities of Spain do not meet the issue and decide the question.

The Virginius Butchery.

Turning to the question which arose from the capture of the Virginius, and the executions which followed, no extended reference is required. The particulars of the delivery of the vessel to this Government and the payment with Great Britain and the United States of considerable sums as compensation for the acts of the authorities in ordering the execution of fifty-three passengers and crew under circumstances of peculiar brutality have passed into history. So far as the payment of money can atone for the execution of these unprotected prisoners that has been accomplished. The higher and more important duty which the Government of Spain assumed by the protocol of November 29, 1873, namely, to bring to justice General Burriel and other principal offenders in this tragedy, has been evaded and neglected. Having made full to neglect the subject of a separate instruction under this date, I abstain from further reference thereto. While there is no desire to detract from the settlement which was obtained or to depreciate the action of Mr. Castro, the Minister of State, in the payment of indemnity, particularly as he seemed from the first presentation of the question to be impressed with the justice of the complaint, and to regard with natural aversion the acts which gave rise to it, it is but just, in considering the general course of the authorities in Spain towards the United States, to refer the long delay in reaching an adjustment, principally to the fact that the basis of settlement was at last reached only after every delay had apparently been exhausted. As you are aware, Mr. Ulloa, then Minister of State, under date of August 18, 1874, and probably impelled by some

Pressing Necessity,

addressed the British Charge D'Affaires at Madrid, substantially agreeing to settle the claim of Great Britain for the execution of British subjects on board that vessel. The equally strong, if not stronger claim of the United States, continued to be discussed in Madrid after the promise of settlement with Great Britain had been made, and information, of this adjustment reached the Government a considerable time after its conclusion, and not through the authorities of Spain. Our settlement was only accomplished in the month of March following. In doing exact justice, it is but proper, however, to give Mr. Castro due credit for the payment of the amount finally and before the time stipulated for its payment had expired. In adverting to these delays and failure to meet our demands on the part of the authorities, I must express satisfaction with your patience and energy under these trying circumstances, and particularly in beginning anew with each rapidly succeeding Minister of State, and representing again and again these different questions. Progress in these matters has not been delayed from the want of information from you, nor from the lack of faithful and forcible presentation.

Having touched on these particular questions which have lately been prominent as disturbing elements with Spain, it is necessary to also refer to

The General Condition of Affairs in Cuba,

as affecting our relations with the mother country. In my No. 242, February 6, 1874, the first instruction addressed to you on general matters pertaining to your mission, I referred at length to the views entertained by the President and in the position of this Government. More than seven and one-five years since an organized insurrection had broken out, which the Government of Spain had been entirely unable to suppress. At that time the firm conviction of the President was entertained that the struggle might be the vicissitudes of the struggle and whatever efforts might be put forth by Spanish power in Cuba, no doubt could be entertained that this final issue of the conflict would be to break the bonds which attached Cuba as a colony to Spain. While remembering and observing the duties which this Government, as one of a family of nations, owes to another member by public law, treaty, of particular statutes of the United States, it would be idle to attempt to conceal the interest and sympathy with which Americans in the United States regard any attempt of a numerous people on this continent to be relieved of ties which hold them in the position of colonial subjection to a distant power, and to assume the independence and right of self-control which the natural rights and spirit of the age accord to them. When, moreover, this struggle, in progress on our very borders, from its commencement, has involved property and interests of the citizens of the United States, has disturbed our tranquility and commerce, has called upon us not unfrequently to witness

Barbarous Violations of the Rules of Civilized Warfare,

and compelled us, for the sake of humanity, to raise our voice by way of protest, and when, more than all, we see in the contest the final struggle in this hemisphere between slavery and freedom, it would be strange, indeed, if the Government and people of the United States failed at any time to take a peculiar interest in the termination of such contest. In this early instruction was expressed a sincere and unselfish hope of the President that the Government of Spain would seek some honorable and satisfactory adjustment, based upon emancipation and self-government, which would restore peace and afford the prospect of a return of prosperity to Cuba. Almost two years have passed since those instructions were issued and those strong hopes expressed, and it would appear that the situation has in no respect improved.

The Horrors of War

have in no perceptible manner abated. The inconveniences and injuries which we then suffered have remained, and others have been added. The ravages of war have touched new parts of the island, and well nigh ruined its financial and agricultural system and its relations to the commerce of the world. No effective steps have been taken to establish reforms or remedy abuses, and the effort to suppress the insurrection by force alone has been a complete failure. In the meantime the material interests of trade and commerce are impaired to a degree which calls for remonstrance, if not for another line of conduct on the part of all commercial nations. Whether it be from the severity and inhumanity with which the effort has been made to suppress the insurrection, and from a supposed justification of retaliation for violation of the rules of civilized warfare by other violations and by acts of barbarism, of incendiarism and outrage, the world is witnessing on the part of the insurgents, whom Spain still claims as subjects, and for whose acts, if subjects, Spain must be held accountable in the judgment of the world, a warfare, not of legitimate strife, of relative force and strength, but of pillage and incendiarism, the burning of estates and of sugar mills, the destruction of the means of production and of the wealth of the island. The United States purchases more largely than any other people of the productions of the Island of Cuba, and, therefore, more than any other for this reason, and still more by reason of its immediate neighborhood, is interested in the arrest of the system of wanton destruction which disgraces the age and affects every commercial people on the face of the globe. Under the circumstances, and in view of the fact that Spain has rejected all suggestions, all offers of reform, or offers of mediation made by this Government, and has refused all measures looking to a reconciliation except upon terms which make reconciliation an impossibility, the difficulty of the situation becomes increased. When, however, in addition to these general causes of the difficulty, we find the Spanish Government neglectful also of the obligations of treaties, which solemn compact, and unwilling to afford any redress for long-continued and well-founded wrongs suffered by our citizens, it becomes

A Serious Question

how long this condition of things can or should be allowed to exist, and compels us to inquire whether the point has not been reached where longer endurance of it ceases to be possible. During all this time, and under all these aggravated circumstances this Government has not failed to perform her obligations to Spain as scrupulously as toward other nations. In fact it might be said that we have not only been long sufferings, because of the embarrassing surroundings of the Spanish Government, in the unpartiality careful to give no occasion for complaint for the same reason. I regret to say the authorities of Spain have not at all times appreciated our intentions or our purposes in these respects, and while insisting that a state of war does not exist in Cuba, and that no rights as belligerents should be accorded to the insurrectionists, have at the same time demanded for themselves all the rights and privileges which flow from actual and acknowledged war. It will be apparent that

Such a State of Things Cannot Continue.

It is absolutely necessary to the maintenance of our relations with Spain, even on their present footing, that our just demands for the return to citizens of the United States of their estates in Cuba, unincumbered, and for securing to them a trial for offences according to treaty provisions, all other rights guaranteed by treaty and by public law, should be complied with. Whether the Spanish Government, appreciating

The Forbearance of this Country,

will speedily and satisfactorily adjust the pending question, not by the issue of empty orders or decrees, but by comprehensive and firm measures, which shall everywhere be respected, I anxiously await further intelligence. Moreover, apart from these particular questions, in the opinion of the President, the time has arrived when the interests of his country, the preservation of its commerce, the instincts of humanity, alike demand a speedy and satisfactory observation of a pause in the strife that is devastating Cuba. A disastrous conflict of more than four years' duration has demonstrated the inability of Spain to maintain peace in an island lying at our door. Desolation and destruction of life and property have been the only results of this conflict. The United States sympathizes for that. This inability results in a large degree from the unhappy condition of Spain at home, and to some extent from the distractions which are dividing her people. But the fact remains. Added to this are the large expanse of ocean separating the peninsula from the island and

Wanting Harmony

and of personal sympathy between the inhabitants of the territory of the home Government and those of the colony, the distinction of class, the latter between the ancient system of Spain to the present accompanied by an expression of the views rulers and subjects), the want of adaptation time and to ideas which events of the past age have impressed upon the people of Great Britain wisely has relaxed the old system of colonial dependence, and is reaping benefits in contentedness and the peaceful prosecution of the arts of peace and in the channels of commerce and of industry in the colonies, which, under restraint, might have questioned and resisted the power of control from a distant Government, and might have exhibited, as Cuba has done, a chronic condition of insurrection, turbulence and rebellion.

Slavery in Cuba.

In addition to all this, it cannot be questioned the continued maintenance, in the face of decrees and enactments to the contrary, of a compulsory system of slave labor is a cause of disquiet and of excitement to a large class in the island, as also in the United States, which the Government of Spain has led us to expect should be removed, and which the enlightened Christianity of the age condemns. The contest and disorder in Cuba affect the United States directly and injuriously by the presence in this country of partisans of the revolt who have fled hither in consequence of the proximity of the territory, as a political asylum, and who, by their plottings, are disturbers of the public peace. The United States has exerted itself to the utmost for seven years to repress unlawful acts on the part of these self-exiled subjects of Spain, relying on the promise of Spain to pacify the island. Seven years of strain on the powers of the Government to fulfill all that the most exacting demands of one Government can make under any doctrine or claim of international obligation upon another have not witnessed the much hoped for pacification. The United States feels itself entitled to be relieved of this strain.

Misgovernment in the Island.

The severe measures, injurious to the United States, and often in conflict with public law, which the colonial officers have taken to subdue the insurrection, the indifference and oft times the offensive assaults upon the just susceptibilities of the people of the United States and their Government, which have characterized that portion of the peninsular population of Havana, which has sustained and upheld, if it has not controled, the successive Governor Generals, and which have led to the disregard of orders and decrees, which the more enlarged wisdom and more friendly councils of the home Government had enacted; the cruelty and inhumanity which have characterized the contest both on the part of the colonial Government and of revolt for seven years, and the destruction of valuable properties and industries by arson and pillage, which Spain appears unable, however desirous, to prevent and stop in an island three thousand miles distant from her shores, but lying within sight of our coast, with which trade and constant intercourse are unavailable, are causes of annoyance and of injury to the United States which it could not be expected to tolerate without an assured prospect of their termination. The United States has more than once been solicited by the insurgents to extend to them its aid, but has for years hitherto resisted such solicitations, and has constantly, by the tender of its good offices, in the way of mediation, advice and remonstrance, to bring to an end

A Great Evil

which has pressed sorely upon the interests both of the Government and of the people of the United States; also upon the commercial interests of the nation. A sincere friendship for Spain and for her people, whether peninsular or insular, and an equally sincere reluctance to adopt any measures which might injure or humble the ancient ally of the United States, has characterized the conduct of this Government in every step during these sad and distressing years, and the President is still animated by the same feelings, and desires, above all things, to aid her and her people to enter and move upon the path of safety and repose.

An Offer of Mediation.

It will be remembered that the President, in the year 1869, tendered the good offices of the United States for the purpose of bringing to a close the civil war in Cuba. This offer was made directly, in good faith and in friendship to both parties to the contest. General Primas, the representative of the Spanish Government, while recognizing the good faith and friendship with which this offer was made, replied: "We can better proceed in the present situation of things without even this friendly intervention. A time will come when the good offices of the United States will be not only useful, but indispensable in the final arrangements between Spain and Cuba. We will ascertain the form in which they can be employed, and confidently count upon your assistance." The United States replied that its good offices for that object would be at any time at the service of the parties to the conflict. This Government has ever since been ready thus to aid in restoring peace and quiet.

Intervention Necessary.

The Government of the United States has heretofore given expression to no policy in reference to the insurrection in Cuba, because it has honestly and sincerely hoped that no declaration of a policy on its part would be requested. The President feels that longer reticence would be inconsistent with the interests of both Governments. Our relations with Spain are in that critical position that another seizure similar to that of the Virginius, other executions of citizens of the United States, other wrongs of a less objectionable character even than many which have been already suffered by our citizens, with a simple remonstrance, or possibly even some new act of exceptionable severity in Cuba, may suddenly produce a feeling and excitement which might force events which this Government anxiously desires to avoid. The President hopes that Spain may spontaneously adopt measures looking to reconciliation and to a speedy restoration of peace and organization of a stable and satisfactory system of government in the Island of Cuba. In the absence of any prospect of a termination of the war, or of any change in the matter in which it has been conducted on either side, he feels that the time is at hand when it may be

The Duty of Other Governments to Intervene,

solely with the view of bringing to an end the disastrous and destructive conflict and of restoring peace in the Island of Cuba. No Government is more deeply interested in the order and peaceful administration of this island than is that of the United States, and none has suffered as has the United States from the condition which has obtained there during the past six or seven years. He will therefore, feel it his duty at an early day to submit the subject in this light, and accompanied by an expression of the views of the parties to the conflict. This course remains for this Government. It is believed to be a just and friendly act to frankly communicate this conclution to the Spanish Government. You will, therefore take an early occasion thus to inform the Government. In making the communication it is the earnest desire of the President to impress upon the Authorities of Spain the continued friendly disposition of this Government, pursuant to which you are authorized to read this instruction to the Minister of State, or to state the substance and purport thereof, as you may deem most advisable. You will, of course, keep me informed by telegraph of the course of your proceedings pursuant to this instruction.

I am sir, your obedient servant,
(Signed) HAMILTON FISH.

The Circular Note.

On the 6th of November, the same date as the letter to Mr. Cushing, Mr. Fish addressed a note to Mr. Schenck at London, saying "Herewith you will receive a confidential copy of instruction this day addressed to Mr. Cushing containing the President's conclusion as to Cuba. He then briefly recites the tenor of a letter, and says: "This being the case, the President is of the opinion that it is just to communicate to Great Britain the conclusions arrived at in the note to Mr. Cushing, and to suggest that in his opinion an expression by Great Britain to Spain of its approval of the view of this Government and its influence to induce a settlement will tend to a more speedy acknowledgment and will more surely induce the Government of Spain, by the same wise and conclusive measure, to render all thought or necessity of intervention from any quarter unnecessary. The Government of Great Britain may judge of its own interests, to co-operate with the United States in this effort to arrest a cruel war of devastation. Humanity, it is to great interests and regard for the preservation of peace would, it is believed, without doubt lead it to support the position which this government has at length been forced to assume, and to address its representative at Madrid to the same effect." Cushing has to-day been instructed to defer his interview with the Minister of State until you have communicated to this department the result of your interview with Lord Derby. You will take the earliest occasion practicable to comply with this instruction, and will promptly communicate with the Department by telegraph and in cipher the result thereof.

Letters were addressed to the United States Ministers at Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg, Vienna and Rome, and instructions given to ask in effect the moral support of the Governments to which they were accredited.

Other Instructions.

On November 19th Mr. Fish telegraphed to Mr. Schenck that advices had been received from Mr. Cushing which suggested delay in reading the instructions to Lord Derby. On the 20th of November Mr. Fish directed Mr. Schenck to read the instructions received to Lord Derby as soon as an opportunity permitted, and to explain that intervention is not contemplated as an immediate result, but as a contingent necessity in case the contest be prosecuted and a satisfactory adjustment of affairs be not reached, and that we sincerely desire to might have exhibited, as private and as anxious to maintain peace and establish our relations with Spain on a permanent basis of friendship. Mr. Schenck and other ministers were informed that the President's message would discountenance the recognition of belligerent independence, and that Mr.

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BONDS at Frankfort, new 5s, 100.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 113.

THE increase of the judicial salaries bill is effectually killed at Harrisburg.

IT IS not so sure that COCHRANE has not gained a point in Allegheny by his anti-Centennial appropriation speech.

ISN'T the demand for $50,000 for some new sort of buildings at the Centennial just a trifle steep? The Legislature has been liberal toward the Centennial, but the demand for an extra $50,000 from the Legislature, even when backed by MORTON MCMICHAEL and ex-Governor CURTIN, is not just what the people like.

THE chances of the Centennial do not, in our judgment, improve under debate, so far as an appropriation is concerned. The speakers are quite evenly divided as to opinion.—Union-loving BANKS, however, being on the right side, and in favor of the appropriation on constitutional grounds. If it carries in the House, it will be by a small majority only.

IF the jury that is compelled to hear the testimony in the LANDIS trial, do not understand insanity, it will not be for lack of evidence bearing on the subject. He was, if one accept the evidence, subject to all forms of that terrible disease, and was only a fit subject for the lunatic asylum. Yet he went around, transacted business, and did all else that a sane man usually does.

IT is evident that the trials of the whisky thieves at St. Louis are testing the nerves of those gentry very severely. MCKEE, who so loudly pleaded innocency, recalled his plea, and has entered a demurrer, reciting that the indictment is insufficient to hold him for trial. Others are understood to be determined to plead guilty. All this indicates that the Government has a strong case against the indicted parties.

WE noted, yesterday, the limitation of appropriations for diplomatic purposes, by the Appropriation Committee at Washington, but the Committee on Foreign Affairs is disposed to resent this as an interference with its prerogative. It is not so earnestly inclined to a general cut down in salaries as is the other committee, and so the entire project, which is really only a spiteful partisanship, may come to grief in the House.

THE debate in the Senate over DAVIS' motion to investigate the system of bookkeeping in the United States Treasury, is likely to develop something tangible and useful in that direction. While we fully admit, as stated by Mr. BOUTWELL, that there are difficulties, owing to the many departments into which the Treasury accounts are divided, and the large area of territory over which transactions are carried, we do not see why, at Washington, the actual transactions which take place, should not be fully completed and the books made to agree. It really seems to us that the system of bookkeeping there is susceptible of improvement.

SURMISES on the chances of one Presidential candidate rather than another, a not of the greatest importance just present. It is declared that CONKLIN to have the strength of the administration in his behalf, which is balderdash; that a hard money platform will rule out MORwhich is nonsense; that BRISTOW will have no status till the whisky war is ended, which is simply absurd; that HAYES is gaining in strength, in view of the selection of Cincinnati as the place of holding the Convention, which probably has just a grain of truth in it. Finally, BLAINE is left totally out of the account, and if he is not found about the liveliest candidate around, when the Cincinnati Convention convenes, we are greatly out in our reckoning.

THERE are a number of funny rumors over the inside reasons for the *Dispatch*'s low bid for city printing, and the pleading tone with which it urged the acceptance of its beggarly offer. "There are pickings, you know," is reported as the apologetic explanation to business men, who begin to to ask why their money should not buy as much advertising space, in that paper, as the money of the city. The blank columns and long advertisements of its own, tell the story. The GAZETTE'S bid simply showed the relative value put on its space by holding ours at over double that of the *Dispatch*; and we have at this rate more real advertising than has it. If any of our business friends who throw their money away on the *Dispatch* doubt the idea that its space can be had cheaply, let them simply withhold favors till their demands are complied with. They will have no trouble. In the meantime, "those pickings" will be looked after.

WE do not fully understand the many phases of the contest over the confirmation of Attorney General LEAR, but on general principles we favor his confirmation. The report is that the Philadelphia ring oppose, and that Governor HARTRANFT stands by him. The opposition is reported to be based on the knowledge, on the part of the ring, that he is not a usable man, and not on any defect in his character or record. It is claimed that a man is wanted in the Attorney General's office who will be pliable with the ring. If this is true, it is all the more important that the Governor should stand by his man, on the presumption that he is *not* pliable toward them. The Governor is himself under fire. He cannot afford to fall under the obloquy of having been forced by the ring to give up a man to whom he has once committed himself. We regard it as extremely impudent on their part to set up in this business, but let them be firmly met. In saying this we have no expression to make personally as to LEAR, as we do not know him, but the indications are in his favor.

THERE is a noticeable disposition, among the German press, and German bankers, to decry American credit, and to ascribe the financial misfortunes under which that country is suffering to swindling operations perpetrated on them by Americans. It is very probable that they have been, to some extent, swindled by bad investments in America, but this is not the sole source of their misfortunes. There are and have been as bad home speculations as any country has had. When the French indemnity was paid, speculation became rife, and millions were invested in railroads in Prussia, while joint stock speculations became universal. Just where much of the money went is illustrated by the price of the shares of some of those companies three years ago and now. Then the Disconto Company shares were 240 per cent.; now 115; Prussian Bodon credit, 205; now 80; Bergish Mark Railroad, 135; now 75; Rheinisch Railroad, 172; now 106; Dortmarsder Union Mining and Iron Works, 173; now 9. While such depreciations have occurred at home, there is no need of going abroad to search for lost capital.

GENERAL GARFIELD did not really receive the credit that was his due in the debate with HILL over the Andersonville affair. The subject is now somewhat obsolete, but, as showing the logical strength of the address, a brief reference will be admissible. In reply to HILL's denial that barbarities were practiced, GARFIELD shows that they were, and that DAVIS was the chief promoter of them. The report of the Congressional Committee showed the character of the prisons, the trial of WIRZ developed the fact that DAVIS appointed the brute, WINDER, to the command at Andersonville, and that the Richmond papers thanked God "that Richmond is at last rid of old WINDER. God have mercy upon those to whom he has been sent." Lieutenant Colonel CHANDLER, Assistant Inspector General in the Confederate service, reported to the Confederate Government on the condition of Andersonville, and recommended the removal of WINDER for atrocious cruelties. This report was delivered to the Secretary of War at Richmond, but DAVIS promoted WINDER; and, on an order being made out by the Secretary of War, relieving WINDER of his command at Andersonville, DAVIS refused consent, endorsing the report—"*This is entirely unnecessary and uncalled for.*" Thus the guilt of Andersonville is brought directly home to JEFF. DAVIS. The train of facts is singularly complete, and logic unanswerable.

DEATH OF D. L. FLEMING, ESQ.

We are under the painful necessity of chronicling the sudden death of one of the co-proprietors of the GAZETTE, and a fellow-laborer who was at his post till about two weeks ago, when he yielded to a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. Commencing in his limbs the disease gradually ascended to the brain, and suddenly ended his life. The intelligence of his decease fell upon us with the suddenness of a painful shock, and we find it hard to realize, even now, that he is forever gone from among us. He had enjoyed, up to the time of the attack which ended in his death, generally good health. He was constant and regular in his devotion to office duties, not taking, really, the amount of recreation demanded by the laws of health. Within a few weeks of his sickness it was noticed that his system was relaxed and out of tone, and he was advised to seek relief away from the duties of the office; but the unfavorable weather, and the fact that he felt unwell, led to the deferment of the idea of cessation of labor. A sudden chill, and the development of severe rheumatism confined him to his house. From this, rheumatic fever set in, and this affecting the brain, caused death.

Mr. FLEMING was connected with the GAZETTE during an entire period of about fifteen years. He was, first, assistant-foreman, afterward foreman in the composing room, and about three years ago he became a co-proprietor, and assumed the managing editorship. In this he constantly devoted himself, with most pains-taking care, to his duties, and performed them with steady industry. As an associate, he was gentlemanly, and courteous, and an agreeable companion. His administrative qualities were unusually fine,—and he conducted all the affairs under his charge, in a quiet, orderly, and regular manner. There was no parade about him, and he was very quiet in his methods of administration. Yet, withal, he was vigorous, clear-minded, and faithful. His geniality of disposition, and affable manners attracted to him warm friendships, and gave him pleasant associates. He was also retiring and modest, never asserting himself aggressively, and content to work out his duty in a quiet and unobtrusive manner. Such men, ready to perform any duty that may devolve upon them, and who work out their destiny as Providence may place them, in an earnest, cheerful spirit, are among the best we have. They may not attain wide-spread notoriety, but are the solid strength of our institutions.

In his mental and moral qualities he was deserving of respect and esteem. Prudent, cautious and yet decided, he rarely fell into error, while his mind readily grasped the scope of the questions of the day. Firm when decision had been reached, he was cautious in forming and positive in giving effect to his judgments. His policy he ever pursued fairly with all persons, and to them an injustice was evident, he was ever ready to rectify it. Courteous in his manner toward all, he promptly mollified those who thought themselves injured, and cheerfully made the necessary amends. In quickness of perception, and grasp of mind, he excelled, clearly perceiving the drift and bearing of any question he was called to consider, and rightly determining the line of policy to be adopted. His friendship was remarkably strong, and his filial feeling toward old associates was ever active. Those who commanded his confidence possessed a friend ever willing to sacrifice comfort or ease for their welfare, and who in good report or ill, was staunch in his kindness and good will. He was a schoolmate with Hon. WAYNE MCVEIGH, and ever cherished for the friend of his youth the warmest affection.

He was a member of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal church, this city, Rev. Dr. SPAULDING, Rector, and a regular attendant at its services. Imbued with correct principles himself, he was possessed of more than ordinary solicitude for the welfare of family and children. It does not properly pertain to an article of this character to invade the sacred precincts of the family, but it can be said that he was unusually and wisely devoted to the welfare of those of whom he was the natural protector. He came to Pittsburgh, a poor boy, and by dint of industry and good habits, made for himself an honorable position in life, and left a fair competence for his family. We forbear the strong expressions of regard for our deceased associate, which the heart would naturally prompt. We remember him as a good citizen,—a pure man; an agreeable associate, and a faithful worker. We know him as a person of high principle and noble purpose,—faithful to his friends, his family, his church. Our memory of his association is agreeable, with no unpleasant tints in it. In his death we have lost a friend, Pittsburgh a good citizen, and his family a kind and judicious protector. We extend our sincere sympathies to those who are stricken, and join them in their sorrow.

An Explanation.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

I regret to perceive that in the articles which have appeared in your columns, under the signature of "Presbyter," especially the last of the series, some misapprehension appears to exist in regard to their personal bearing upon the elders of the Sewickly Session. I therefore cheerfully make the following explanation:

It was far from my intention to make a personal assault upon the individual members of that Session, in the discussion of questions of a general ecclesiastical character. With the several elders of that Session, so far as I have had the pleasure of acquaintance with them, my intercourse has been always pleasant; our differences being merely in regard to measures of church policy. It is very likely, therefore, that in the heat of argument, I may have sometimes expressed myself without the necessary qualifications which ought to have been employed, to indicate that I referred merely to the legitimate results of certain positions taken by the Session, and not to their personal character as Christians and Presbyterians.

Having learned from a respected member of that Session, (Mr. Theodore Nevin) that "the eight propositions" in my last were viewed as charged upon the Sewickley elders as their real sentiments (such as "our standards are out of date, and Hopkins & Co. are the true expositors of Presbyterianism"), I very cheerfully acquit that session from holding any such radical errors. I never suspected any such absurd doctrines to be theirs. My design was simply to place in a strong light what I conceived to be the *legitimate consequences* of their positions in argument in their "this reason," as stated before the Presbytery. This was indicated by the phrase "The elders of Sewickley *seem to expect* the assembly," &c. I regret now that, wishing to be as brief as possible, I did not make my meaning more apparent, so as to show that I designed, not what the Sewickley *Session really held*, but merely the argumentative results of their positions. For example, in the fourth and fifth items, "John Knox was the maker of Presbyterianism," "a new faith, &c." I by no means designed to charge those Sewickley elders with such radicel errors. But my argument was, that in persisting for months past, in the course they have taken, viz: keeping the author of such teaching in the church, they gave an indirect sanction and approval to those errors—errors which represent Presbyterianism as *a human invention*, a heretical separation from *the old faith;* which I suppose, of course, means Popery!

If it is of the least importance to anybody to know who "Presbyter" is, I sign my name, WILLIAM ANNAN.

GENERALITIES.

WM. HARLAN, only son of Hon. James Harlan, ex-Secretary of the Interior, died in San Francisco on Tuesday night. His father and mother arrived in response to a telegram a few hours before his death.

At Jeffersonville, Ind., on Friday, W. C. Perry, sixty years of age, a plasterer by trade, and in reasonable circumstances, while laboring under temporary aberration of mind, committed suicide by severing his jugular vein with a razor.

THE creditors of B. & P. Lawrence, stationers, Maiden Lane, New York, have agreed upon a settlement on the basis of fifty cents on the dollar, in five payments, at six, twelve, eighteen, twenty-four and thirty months, from February 1st, without interest. The liabilities of the firm were $234,115; assets, $150,637.

At the State Temperance Convention in Augusta, Maine, on Thursday, Governor Dingby reported resolutions, which were adopted, setting forth that the present reform movement is one of the more powerful agencies to promote temperance, and making an appeal to the State to support it, and asserting that total abstinence and prohibition of the liquor traffic is the only basis for the substantial progress in the temperance cause.

Business Expenses.

The Boston *Traveller* insists that one great drawback to the dry goods trade of that city has been the enormous expenses incurred in conducting the business; and it instances the following: "At a recent meeting of the creditors of one of the largest dry goods jobbing houses in this city, the following expenses were reported: Rents, $17,000; salaries of salesmen, bookkeepers, etc., $44,000; traveling expenses, $15,000; a total of $76,000, or about 10 per cent. of the gross amount of sales. It is from such items as these, and the personal expenses of members of firms, that the remarkable deficiencies come, and here is where the reform must set in. In the older and more prosperous days of our jobbing trade, the partners, with rare exceptions, were the salesmen, and when a clerk had proved himself capable and useful he was given a subordinate position in the firm. Now in our larger houses each department has a head man, at a salary in some instances equal to that of a Cabinet Minister, and with as many attendants at his command; a miniature nabob in his way. While his ill-paid and hard-worked underlings bear the burden of the labor. There are exceptions, it is true, but this is the rule. One of the greatest evils that have grown up of late with our large jobbing house is the absurd custom of sending out drummers. We have the testimony of one large concern that it does not pay and never has paid, and the abolishing of it would be of immense benefit to the trade. A few more revelations like the one we have alluded to must inevitably result in a radical reform.

THE COURT RECORD.

A Complete Report of the Proceedings in the Courts Yesterday.

United States District Court.

(*Before Judge McCandless*)

Andrew Knipschild, bankrupt. The motion for an injunction against J. W. Thompson et al. was argued, the restraining order dissolved, and the injunction refused.

Walter Byrom et al. vs. G. A. Mundorff. Petition presented for the adjudication in bankruptcy of defendant, and rule to show cause granted returnable on the 29th inst.

D. W. Evans, bankrupt. Petition for an injunction on the Masonic Fund Society et al., and a hearing fixed for the 24th inst. In the meantime a restraining rule was granted.

Harry McGregor, bankrupt. Similar action to above on John Daizell and J. J. Hays, returnable on the 24th inst.

Myram J. Clark, bankrupt, was discharged from bankruptcy.

Snover & Swariz, bankrupt. Order made for the sale of certain uncollectable notes and accounts.

Gerry, Tilton, Caldwell & Co. vs. the Pittsburgh Bolt Company. Trial fixed for the February special term.

Christ L. Graff, debtor. On petition of John Harvey, a rule was granted on Wm. H. Smith and T. H. Everson trustees, to show cause why they should not close on certain mortgages, and enforce the securities held by them. Rule returnable on the 29th inst.

The S. S. Adams et al, vs. the steam tug —, in admiralty. The report of David F. Patterson, Commissioner, distributing fund was presented. Confirmed *nisi*.

United States vs. John McCloskey. The Clerk was ordered to pay to the Surveyor of Customs the amount in the Register of the Court, to wit: $200.25.

Criminal Court.

(*Before Judge Sterrett.*)

A *nolle prosequi* was allowed in the case of Albert Steen for being accessory to a case of felonious assault and battery, but he was required to give bonds in $300 to keep the peace for one year.

A *nolle pros.* was allowed in one case of Matthew Fay alias Morrow, indicted for false pretense, and he plead *nolo contendere* to another.

A *nolle pros.* was also allowed in the case of George Felbunker alias Felbunger, charged with seduction and *fornic et cet.*

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of Edward Shore et al., indicted for forcible entry and detainer.

Hugh Coman was acquitted of a charge of larceny by bailee.

Richard Splaine plead *nolo contendere* to a charge of keeping a gambling house.

Wm. Wagner alias John Hart, plead guilty to misdemeanor on a charge of felonious assault and battery.

The jury is out in the case of Michael Quinn indicted for assault and battery.

Herbert Hoffman and Theodore Farrar were tried on a charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods. Farrar was found guilty on the first count only, and Hoffman was acquitted.

Common Pleas Court No. 2.

(*Before Judges Ewing and Kirkpatrick.*)

This Court was occupied all day yesterday in continuing the hearing of the cases of Patterson vs. McCleary, and Joseph Irwin vs. West's executors.

Court Brevities.

No business was transacted in the Common Pleas Court No. 1 yesterday.

The daily sessions of the Criminal Court are continued from an hour to an hour and a half longer than those of the other county Courts. The great pressure of business is the cause.

The Common Pleas Court No. 1 was to have been engaged yesterday in the hearing of the argument on the *quo warranto* proceedings of Murray vs. Kilgore in reference to the County Treasurership, but owing to the illness of Mr. Acheson, one of the counsel for Colonel Kilgore, the hearing was postponed.

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Steamship Arrivals Yesterday.

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Explanation.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

It is due to the two young lady pianists of the Charity Concert at Library Hall, on Thursday evening, to say that, owing to a misunderstanding about a carriage, Miss Swissheim reached the head of the long flights of stairs leading from the private entrance to the dressing rooms just as the applause ceased after the trio which preceded her performance. She was divested of her wraps, and had the finishing touches put to her toilet while the audience waited, and having a chronic difficulty of the heart, the haste, which was unavoidable, checked circulation; her right hand cramped while she played "La Gaui Vanella," so that she was obliged to stop an instant, then omit the most difficult and beautiful passage. The whole performance lacked even her usual force, a quality in which she must always be deficient from physical weakness, and only her own self-command prevented a total failure that evening. Miss Rive (pronounced Revay) had a similar difficulty. She reached the dressing room, in her muffles, just as Miss Wallace finished her encore, and was hastily unwrapped, fixed up, and hurried on to the stage, but her superb physique prevented any perceptible trouble. Still, she played and won her triumph under this disadvantage, which makes her immense resources the more apparent and wonderful. BEHIND THE SCENES.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds Filed for Record.

The following transfers of real estate have been placed on file in the Recorder's office since our last report:

Homestead Bank & Life Insurance Company to Francis M. Johnston, October 6, 1874; lot on De Soto street, Homestead Park plan, Charters township. Price - - - $150

Wm. Murr to Modern Life Insurance and Improvement Company, January 17, 1876; lot on Woodland avenue, Montrose borough, O'Hara township. Price - - - - - $10

Isador Murr to same company, January 17, 1876; lot on Boyd avenue, Montrose borough. Price - - - - - $413 31

Modern Life Insurance and Improvement Trust Company to Isador Murr, July 19, 1873; same property as above. Price - - - $600

Same to Wm. Murr, July 28, 1873; two lots on Woodland avenue, Montrose borough. Price - $650

Wm. Wilson to James Joy, January 1, 1876; lot on an alley between Vickroy and Bluff streets, Sixth ward, city. Price - - - - - $1,000

W. H. West et ux. to Wm. Beatty, July 24, 1875; lot on Amity street, Mifflin township. Price - - - - - $10,000

James A. Mellon et ux. to Trustees of Springdale U. P. Church, August 22, 1874; lot on Pittsburgh and Freeport road, East Deer township. Price - - - - - $2.50

Sarah E. Hare and Isabella Reed to same as above, August 22, 1874; lot on Pittsburgh and Freeport road, Springdale. Nom.

The North Star Building Association to Mrs. Rubah A. Taiem, December 28, 1875; lot on Craig street, First ward, Allegheny. Price. - $2,000

Elizabeth F. Denny to John Harrison, January 13, 1876; lot on Ridge street, Thirteenth ward, city. Price - - - - - - $1,334 47

George H. Glass et ux. to Mrs. Sophia Bussman; lot on St. Patrick's alley, Sixth ward, city. Price - - - - - - $2,500

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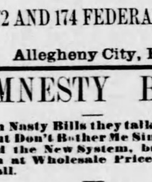

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DAILY GAZETTE,

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Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, January 22, 1876.

Our local money market presented no new features yesterday, the demand being fair, but not equal to the ability of our banks to meet. Our business men are hopeful, and more easy than they were a few weeks since, and the prospects of business are more bright than they have been. Thus far the weather has been very unfavorable for business in the country this winter, and the effect is shown in the stringency of the money market in the country. All the country banks and the country merchants seem to be hard up. The country banks are not borrowing quite so much here as they were a month ago, and but very few of them have yet paid up the loans they got then. The only explanation of this condition of the country money market is that the products of the country are yet largely held back.

We clip the two following items from the Chicago *Inter-Ocean:* An incident came to our knowledge to-day which shows the relative conditions of the money market here as compared with New England. A party here has been loaning money in the open market for some banks in Connecticut, and has been able to get them nearly 10 per cent. on good paper or on collaterals. Last week he wrote to his principals that, from the general appearance of the money market, he thought he should be able to get a somewhat higher rate, but his Hartford principals replied that they could do better at home than even 12 per cent., and requested him to remit as fast as collections were made.

The aspect of things in New England does not improve. In addition to the already depressed condition of business, the renewal of the strikes against lower wages among the mill operatives of Rhode Island and Massachusetts excites much attention, not only among the manufacturers' agents and the dry goods trade generally, but also among the trades union people. It is understood that urgent appeals for assistance have been received by the latter in New York from the Blackiston operatives, together with an invitation to be advised what to do.

The following stocks, &c., January 21, 1876, were sold last evening at the real estate and sales room of Thos. F. Stewart, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street:

65 shares	Exchange National Bank	$65 75
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25 shares	Western Ins. Co.	60 50
50 shares	" "	60 50
20 shares	Allegheny Ins. Co.	34 50
2	7 per cent. City of Pittsburgh bonds	105 50
1	$4,650 bond of Allegheny Co.	85
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Gold	113	5-20's 1868—coupons	121½
U.S.6's, 1881, coupon	121½	10-40's, coupon	118¾
" 1864, all called		Currency 6's	123½
" 1865	117	New 5 per cents	116¾
1865 new	118¾	10-40's—coupons	119
5-20's 1867	120¾		

RAILWAYS.

N.Y. Cen.	108½	Ohio & Mississippi	22¾
Erie	16¾	Union Pacific	69
C. C. & I. C.	93	Wabash & Wabash pf.	39
C. C. & I. C.	4½	Harlem	133½
St. Paul	38¾	Adams Express	103
Do. Pref	73¾	American Express	58
Michigan Southern	69¾	U. S. Express	60
Do. Central	62	Wells, Fargo & Co. Ex.	83½
North Western Com.	41¾	Quicksilver	17¾
Do. Pref	59¾	Fort Wayne	100½
Rock Island	93¾	Hannibal & St. Jos.	21¾
Cleve. & Pitts	91¾	Panama	123
Pacific Mail	27¾	Iron Mountain	23
Western Union Tel.	77¾		

Robinson Brothers furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board:

P. R. R. (S)	55¾	Cen. Trans (B)	45¾
Mining (S)	57½	Centre Tr. (B)	51
U. Co. of N. J. (S)	117½	A. V. R. R. 7-30 (S)	95
Oil Creek (S)	15¾	P. C. & St. L. 7's (B)	81
Lehigh Valley (A)	62¾		

NEW YORK, January 21, 1876.

Money closed at 5@6; prime mercantile paper 6@8. The customs receipts were $390,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $223,000. The clearings were $27,000,000. Sterling was firm at 485@485¾. Gold opened at 113, with sales in the interim at 113⅝a112¾. The rates paid for carrying were 3 to 5. Governments were strong, Railroad bonds were strong, with Northwest consolidated coupon gold as a feature. State securities were quiet and strong. Stocks were active and buoyant, and the advance, which ranged from ½ to 4 per cent., extended as a general thing throughout the entire list. The greatest advance was in New York Central, which rose from 106½ to 112¾, on a growing belief that the dividends this year will be raised from 8 to 10 per cent. There was a subsequent reaction to 110¾, and a final recovery to 111¾a111¾. The advance in New York Central gave a strong tone to the whole market, although the interest roused in Northwest and St. Paul shares did much toward stimulating the general improvement. Northwest advanced to 42 for common and 59½ for preferred, closing at a reaction of only ¼ per cent. In St. Paul there was an advance to 39½ for common and to 73½ for preferred, with the highest quotations current in the last sales. Hannibal & St. Joe advanced to 22 for common and to 33¾ for preferred, the former closing at a reaction of ½ per cent. Lake Shore rose to 67½, and at the close reacted to 67¼. Rock Island was strong. Illinois Central rose to 98. Others were active and higher, prices touching 22¾ and closing at 22¾. Missouri Pacific advanced to 18½, Wabash to 8¾, C. C. & I. C. to 5¼, Erie to 16½, and Missouri, Kansas & Texas to 8. There is some talk about a compromise between the Pennsylvania and C. C. & I. C. Companies. Pacific Mail advanced to 28¾ and closed at 31¾a31¾. Union Pacific declined from 69¾ to 69. Michigan Central advanced to 62. Western Union was steady, C. C. & I. was strong, rising to 53¾a60 ex. dividend. Iron Mountain advanced to 20¾, and Panama to 135. The transactions aggregated 171,000 shares, of which 10,000 shares were Pacific Mail, 16,000 Western Union, 11,000 Northwest, 8,000 Rock Island, 9,000 St. Pauls, 5,000 St. Joe common, 4,000 do preferred, 66,000 Lake Shore, 4,000 New York Central, 15,000 Ohios, and 7,000 Wabash.

*Government*s.—U. S. coupons of 1881 121½; 5-20s '65, 117; do of '65, new, 118¾; do of '67, 120¾; do of '68, 121½; 10-40s 117¾; do coupons, 118¾; new 5s, 119; currency sixes, 123¾.

State Bonds.—Missouri 6s, 102¾; Tennessee, new, 44¾; do old, 46; Virginia new, 37; do old, 38.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph, 76½; Pacific Mail, 31¾; Adams Express, 103; Fargo Express, 93; American Express, 58; U. S. Express, 59½; New York Central, 111¾; Erie, 16½; do preferred, 35; Harlem, 132½; do preferred, 133; Michigan Central, 61½; Lake Shore, 62½; Union Pacific, 69¼; Illinois Central, 100; Pittsburgh, 91¾; Northwestern, common, 41¾; do preferred, 59¾; New Jersey Central, 105; Rock Island, 107½; St. Paul, 39¾; do preferred, 79; Toledo & Wabash, 10½; do preferred, 107; Fort Wayne, 100¾; Terre Haute, 4; do preferred, 19; Chicago & Alton, 103; do preferred, 107; Ohio & Mississippi, 22¾; Hannibal & St. Joseph, 21¾; Indiana Central, 4¾; Burlington & Quincy, 115¾; Central Pacific, 105; Union, 103; Union grants, 103¾; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph, 17¾; Delaware & Lackawanna, 119¾; Panama, 132; Missouri Pacific, 118¾; Mariposa, 8; preferred, 8¾.

LONDON, January 21—5 P. M.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £5,000. Consols: money, 93 27-32; account, 93 13-16; 5-20s of '65, 105¾; do '67, 108¾; 10-40s, 106¾; new 5s, 104¾; New York Central, 98; Erie, 14¾; preferred, 29.

PARIS, January 21—5 P. M.—Rentes, 66f 82½c.

FRANKFORT, January 21—5 P. M.—U. S. new 5s, 100.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, January 21.—There was a better demand for prints, shawls, hosiery, &c., by California and other jobbers, but the general trade continues quiet. Cotton goods are in limited request and steady. Corset jeans and cottonades are in moderate demand. Prints are in fair request. Fancy cassimeres and worsted coatings are active. Low grade Kentucky jeans better demand. Foreign goods are

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

DAILY REPORT OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, January 21, 1876.

The general position of the leading markets has not varied much recently; trade, generally, is reported dull, but there is a more hopeful feeling in regard to the immediate future. Choice Butter took an upward turn to-day, while Eggs and Poultry, on the other hand, declined. Grain, Flour and Groceries have undergone no change, but the hog product, excepting Lard and Mess Pork, is lower.

APPES—Selling at from $1,50a3,50 per bbl, and dull.

APPLE BUTTER—65a70 per gallon.

BEANS—Market continues very dull; prime navies offered at $1,25 per bushel.

BUTTER—As already intimated, there was a sharp upward turn in strictly prime table Butter to-day the supply of which was unequal to the demand; we were reported sales at 28a30c. Common and medium continues dull, with a supply largely in excess of the demand.

CHEESE—Demand rether better but no improvement in prices; prime Ohio Factory, 13¼a14c; ditto New York, 14a14½c.

CRANBERIES—$12a13 per bbl.

DRIED FRUIT—Continues dull, but an early improvement in the demand is expected. Peaches, prime halves, 12a13c; prime bright Apples, sliced, 10a11c; quartered, 9a10c.

DRESSED HOGS—8a8¼c.

EGGS—The market continues dull, and overstocked, and prices have further declined; fresh were sold at 20c, and late in the day offered freely at that figure.

FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged. Spring wheat flours, $6,25a6,50 for Wisconsins, and $6,50a6,75 for Minnesotas; red winters, $6,25a6,75 for new and $7 for choice old. Rye Flour, $5a5,25 per barrel. Buckwheat Flour, 2¾a3c per lb.

GROCERIES—The leading staples present no new features to-day to which reference has not been made. Trade continues rather tame, but an early change for the better is expected.

SUGARS.			
Cut Loaf	12¾	Standard B	10¾
Crushed	12¾	Standard E	10¾
Granulated	11¾	Refined Yellows	9¾
Powdered	11¾	N. O. new crop	8¾@9¾
Standard A	10¾		

COFFEES.			
Fancy Rio	26	R. Rio, lb pkgs	23
Prime Rio	24¾@25	R. Rio, loose	27¾
Good Rio	22	Roasted Java	34
Old Gov. Java	34		

RICE.			
Carolina	8	Rangoon	7

SYRUPS.			
Choice	70	Fair	55
Prime	65	Dark	45

MOLASSES.			
N.O. choice	63	N.O. strictly prime	60
N.O. prime	58	Demarara	50@55

GRAIN—There is considerable inquiry for prime Wheat, of which the offerings continue light, although millers complain that they cannot afford to pay current rates and compete with western flours. We continue to note Penna., Ohio and Indiana red at $1,25a1,32 for prime to choice; northwestern red, $1,35a1,38. The Oat market continues quiet, but with a limited supply; prices are fully maintained; Penna. and Ohio mixed, 40a41½; do, white, 42a43½. Corn is coming forward more freely, and prices are easier but unchanged; good mixed to prime yellow, on track, 50a52c for either ear or shelled; soft Corn dull at 45a47c. Rye quiet at 80a82c.

HAY—Baled is in fair demand, but unchanged; upland prairie, $13a14; timothy, $17a19.

HOMINY—We note a steady demand at $4 per bbl in round lots and $4,25 in a small way.

MILL FEED—The receipts for some days past have been comparatively light, but there is no improvement to report in the demand; Bran, $13a14 per ton; Middlings and Chopped Feed, $20a23.

ONIONS—$1,25a1,50 per bbl.

POULTRY—Dressed Turkeys very dull, and prices are lower; sales reported to day at 12½a13c per lb. Chickens dull, and about the same prices, 12a13c; live Chickens, 50a60c per pair.

POTATOES—The receipts continue comparatively light, but the demand is confined almost wholly to supplying immediate wants. Peach Blows quotable at 38a40c per bush. on track.

PROVISIONS—With the exception of Mess Pork and Lard, we have reduced our quotations all around slightly, and trade continues slow, as it usually is at this particular time, although an increased demand within the next few weeks is expected. Following are the current rates.

Hams—Extra S. C. per lb	14¾	Do. half barrels	14
Sugar Cured, Ex. 3d fast Bacon, S. C.	14¾	Lard, Ref. for sum. in tierces	—
Dried Beef, Ex. Sugar Cured, old	16	Do. in ¾ bbls	—
Beef Tongues, S. C. per doz	6.50	Do. in buckets	14¾
Shoulders, S. C.	10	Do. in 5 lb do	16¾
Do. Sugar Cured	12	Do. 3 lb pails	17
Rib Sides	13¾	Do. 6 lb do	16¾
Short Rib do	13¾	Do. 6 lb do	16¾
Clear Sides	13¾	Ham sausage	9¾
Mess Pork, per bbl	21.00	Carbon Oil	12
Family Mess Pork	21.50	Pig's Feet, in kegs	2.00
Short Cut	21.00	Do. in ¾ bbls	4.15
Lard, Prime Leaf in tierces, per lb	13¾	Do. do. bbls	9.00

SEEDS—Quiet; scarcely enough doing to establish quotations. Clover Seed; $8,50a8,75; Timothy Seed, $2,75a3.

STAVES—Steady at 3c per pound for good country mixed.

TALLOW—Chandlers Tallow, city rendered, 9¾a10c; country do., 8¾a9c.

THE IRON TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, January 20, 1876.

Pittsburgh.

PIG IRON.—We intimated in our last review that there was more inquiry, and that an increased volume of business was only a question of a little time; the subsequent course of the market has demonstrated that we were right. The sales during the past week were the largest in the aggregate we have had to record for several months, and while there has been no quotable advance in prices, the general tone of the market is firmer; good mill irons may be fairly quoted at $22½, 4 mos., although some holders are refusing to accept less than $23. Foundry irons continue quiet. Following sales were reported:

CHARCOAL.

70 tons No. 1 Fou'y H. R. $26a27 00 4 mos

ANTHRACITE.

110 tons Foundry	$25 00	4 mos
100 tons Foundry	25 00	4 mos

CONNELSVILLE COKE.

10 tons No. 1 Foundry	$25 00	4 mos
10 tons No. 2 Foundry	23 00	cash
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300 tons Close White and Mottled	20 00	cash
200 tons Gray Forge	21 00	cash
100 tons Gray Forge	22 00	4 mos

BITUMINOUS COAL SMELTED FROM L. S. ORE.

200 tons Gray Forge	$22 50	4 mos
200 tons Gray Forge	22 25	4 mos
10 tons No. 1 Foundry	26 00	4 mos
100 tons Gray Forge	22 50	4 mos
200 tons Gray Forge Neutral	22 00	4 mos
100 tons Gray Forge	22 50	4 mos
200 tons Gray Forge	22 50	4 mos
300 tons Gray Forge	21 00	cash
300 tons Gray Forge	22 50	4 mos

MANUFACTURED IRON.—The general position of the market has not varied much since the date of our last report; business continues quiet, as it usually is at this particular time, but an early improvement is expected. Merchant Bars are quotable at 2¾c, 1½x2¼, 30 days, that is at 2¾c after sale is invoiced; it is doubtful whether an order—exclusively for bars—could be placed under $2,25 or 2,30—some makers are refusing to accept less than $2,40.

NAILS—This trade, to use a common phrase, is considerably mixed; the effort made last week, by the western makers to advance rates to $2,85, 60 days, failed, and there appears to be no established price for the present. The price here is supposed to be $2,75, 60 days, with 10c per keg off on one hundred keg lots—it is intimated that Wheeling has been selling largely at $2,65, 30 per keg off. Horse Shoes quoted at 4¾c per lb., cash, for round lots, and 5¼a5½c in a jobbing way.

SCRAP.—There is not much doing in Scrap Iron, but there is rather more inquiry for Scrap Steel, with no recent change in prices. Following are about the current rates, cash: Car-wheels, $20 per gross ton —2,240 lbs.; No. 1 Railroad Wrought Scrap, $23 per net ton; Car Springs, $43 per net ton; Buggy Springs, $40.

BRITISH IRON MARKET.

A dispatch to the *Iron Age*, under date of Wednesday, says: Scotch Pig—There is a fair business being done, and prices are firmer. The following are makers' quotations: Gartsherrie No. 1, 76s 6d; Coltness, 80s; Glengarnock, 81s 6d; Calder No. 1, 72s; Eglinton No. 1, 65s 6d. No change to note in Manufactured Iron or Rails.

NEW YORK.

AMERICAN PIG.—The market continues without change. Makers are very much disinclined to present prices, and consumers show no eagerness to avail themselves of them beyond supplying their current wants, and consequently transactions are limited to small sales. Prices are as before quoted, viz: No. 1 Foundry, $23; No. 2 Foundry, $21; and Gray Forge, $19a20.

SCOTCH PIG.—The market in Scotland shows an improved tone; but on this side affairs are exactly as last reported. There have been no arrivals or sales of any consequence, and we quote as before: Coltness, $32; Glengarnock, $31; Gartsherrie, $32,50; Eglinton, $29,50a30.

RAILS.—We still hear of inquiries, and a sale of 2,000 tons American Iron on private terms is reported. We quote Iron: $42a46, at mill, and Steel, $65a67.

OLD RAILS—A sale of 400 tons T's at $23 again reduces the price of this article. This is the lowest point reached since the cheap times before the war, and it would not be easy to place many at this rate, although there are a great many held above it.

SCRAP.—There is nothing to report in Scrap. We simply repeat our quotation of $30.—*Iron Age.*

PHILADELPHIA.

PIG IRON.—There is very little business to report, and sales have been entirely in small lots. The tone of the market is weak, and if legitimate and responsible buyers of large lines were to come forward, there is no doubt that holders would be willing to make liberal concessions in order to effect sales. The trade is in that sensitive condition, however, that reducing prices in order to attract buyers would probably only result in still further demoralizing the market without securing any appreciable increase of business, so that there is nothing doing except in small lines, and that to meet actual and immediate requirements. We continue our late quotations, viz.: No. 1 Foundry, $23a24; No. 2 Foundry, $21a22; Gray Forge, $18a22.

BARS—There is not much doing, and prices are weak, 2 3c to 2·5c being about the average price at which sales are made.

RAILS.—No business of importance has transpired since our last report, but an active inquiry is noted, which may result in further business. We quote Steel Rails at $65a67, and $42 to $46 for Iron Rails at the mills.

OLD RAILS.—We hear of no large sales this week, and prices may be quoted $24a25—latest sales being at $24. Street Rails, $27,50.

SCRAP—We repeat former quotations, viz: $27a29 for Wrought, and $16a18 for Cast. One sale is reported at $19 for an extra lot, but the price is considered exceptional.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, January 21, 1876.

The market for the raw article was again firmer to-day, and prices have been pushed up still higher; immediate shipment, $2,05a2,07½; United certificates, $1,81¾a1,82¾. Refined firmer, but not quotably higher; Philadelphia delivery, 13¾a14c; on cars here, 10¾a10¾c. There was nothing done however, refiners refusing to sell at quoted rates.

The receipts of Crude in Pittsburgh during 1874 were 1,505,377 bbls; in 1875, 1,115,301 bbls, showing a falling off of 390,076 barrels.

Barrels unchanged; city make quoted at $1,30; countries at $1,15a1,20.

CRUDE OIL RECEIVED PER ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
W. T. Bond	Loomis & Co	164

A New York View of Wheat.

(From Trafton's Circular, Jan. 15.)

The features of our wheat market the past week have presented a decided contrast to those of the preceding week and a far more active demand has prevailed greatly changing the tone and spirit of the market, which for some time past has been greatly depressed, and it has seemed to us most unreasonably so, as we have regarded the situation as a strong one, and since the 1st of June have felt confidant that the injury to the winter wheat crop by frost was so great as to prevent prices ruling low, and since then this position has been constantly strengthened by the protracted rains and floods here and in Europe; indeed, we do not remember a season during the past thirty years when the injury by rains was so general and marked—not confined to any particular section, but a very large part of the area of both fall and spring wheat producing States, and so protracted and extended have been the storms and floods that it would be almost impossible to approximate the amount of the damage, and hence we cannot estimate with any degree of accuracy the exporting power of the country, but feel assured that the public have been misled by the numerous editorials throughout the land, greatly misrepresenting the situation, have done much injury, more especially with those not well informed, and with foreign readers our reputation for accurate statistical information will be greatly impaired. The fact is, but few editors here have any knowledge of the crop of the country, and the agricultural statistics published at Washington cannot be relied upon. The movement in wheat at the northwest has been very light, and prices have improved. Our advices from various parts of Wisconsin represent the supplies in the hands of farmers as light, and express the opinion that sixty-eight or seventy per cent of the last crop, has already been marketed. From Minnesota the estimate is that more than half is exhausted. The quantity used by millers excels that of last year very considerably. The increase in the home consumption is variously estimated, probably 6 per cent., and the increased requirements of farmers for seed is placed at 10 per cent. From Iowa the reports are extremely discouraging, the intelligence in regard to the quantity and quality of that on hand is anything but hopeful of any considerable supplies thence of really good wheat the coming spring, and it is very plain to us that no State in the Union suffered more than Iowa from excessive moisture, and of the moderate surplus they now have on hand very little of it is really Nos. 1 and 2—the major part of it must be classed as No. 3 and rejected, and the same is true of Northern Illinois. If we place the crop of Minnesota last year at 34,000,000 bu., which is a large estimate, and assume her present supply to be 18,000,000 bu. we cannot estimate her supply or sound wheat at over 6,000,000 bu., of which one-third will be required for seed, hence the prospect of liberal supplies of really good wheat from that State (which is so popular with millers every where) is anything but encouraging. Quite a large trade has been done in rejected ungraded and No. 3 spring, both for export and milling, at hardening prices, and we find our stock is rapidly diminishing. Our millers have a preference for choice red and amber wheats freely—the former has been taken to a limited extent for export to the continent—but inferior red winter has been slow of sale, and is not wanted here. Choice white has sold slowly but at extreme prices. Our advices from Europe are favorable for a large and growing demand for our surplus as the season advances. The stocks of white wheat at Liverpool and London are large—chiefly from the Pacific coast—and the opinion is expressed that all our surplus spring will be required by their millers to give this the required strength and consistency.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS RAILROAD COMPANY.—30 bbls whisky, J. Seiferth & Co; 14 sks rags, 1 do copper and brass, J. Benedict; 187 pigs lead, Penna. Lead Co; 1 washstand, D. Kerr & Co; 8 empty bbls, Henderson & Bro; 2 bbls tallow, 1 tub do, 4 bdls glue, John G. Brant; 16 sks rags, J. Benedict; 3 tres lard, Heard, C. & Co; 1 bbl eggs, M. Rankin & Bro; 2 tres hams, F. Sellers & Co; 10 qr buts tobacco, 8 cads do, H. Dallmyer; 1 car staves, C. A. Wormcastle; 290 sks flour, S. Lindsay Jr. & Co; 1 car straw, Irwin & H; 8 rolls leather, W. Flacus & Son; 150 tres hams, W. B. Hays & Son; 24 pcs, 40 b springs, A. French & Co; 1 box h ware, S. Reynolds & Co; 8 bbls alcohol, Harris & E; 2 boxes, Hall's Safe & Lock Co; 64 steel w skeins, 4 box extra, M. McWhinney & Co; 5 box buts tobacco, 1 hf bbl do, G. Begler; 2 tres sausage, Watt, L. & Co; 100 bbls flour, F. W. Jenkins & Bro; 1 safe, T. Barnes; 11 empty oil bbls, Mills & Co; 50 barrels w clay, Dithridge & Co.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.—26 cars coal, Sable Coal Co; 63 do, New York & Cleveland Gas Coal Co; 1 do wheels, G. W. Glass; 1 do clay, Star Brick Co; 1 do barge, J. C. Hall; 1 do hub oil, Dalzell & Son; 1 do flour, S. S. Marvin; 2 do stone, J. McGraw; 1 do machinery, Jas. Hill & Co; 1 do hay, Aiken, W. & P; 1 do corn, Elwood & McC; 1 do brick, Jones & L; 41 do coal, Armstrong, D. & Co; 3 do stone, Lucy Furnace Co; 5 do, Shoenberger, B. & Co; 2 do l oil, Loomis & Co; 11 emt bbls, G. G. Pennoc; 13 do, Walker, D. & Bro; 16 do, Dilworth & Bro; 1 box butter, D. Thompson; 1 do pointry, J. Heidrick; 2 do hides, W. Flacus & Son; 40 bxs n locks, S. H. Jackson; 22 bdls paper, L. W. Neeb; 12 sks corn, 5 bkts cabbage, Thos. McCourt; 5 bdls paper, A.C. Bakewell & Co, 5 do, Harris & E; 5 do, Morrison & B; 12 sacks corn, J. Clark; 1 lot h b goods, S. H. Miller; 1 piece casting, A. Bradley & Co; 1 bx butter, 11 sks flour, Jno. White & Son; 1 box butter, A. C. Foster; 1 do, G. W. Given; 1 do, 1 kit butter, Jas. Snowgrober & S; 43 bdls hides, S. Purviance; 2 d hogs, W. Hoffman & Bro; 7 pieces pipes, 1 stove, G. W. Glass; 1 box butter, 1 bbl eggs, M. Schwartz; 1 box rags, Arbuckles & Co; 2 do, butter, 10 do eggs, Jas. Gerwig & Son; 1 d hog, Jno. Hoffman; 1 bbl eggs, W. A. Bartley; 1 box butter, C. K. Totten; 4 emt kegs, J. Rhodes; 6 bxs glass ware, Steinmetz & V; 6 emt segrs, Pier, D. & Co; 1 bbl g ware, H. W. Bunn & Co; 1 bureau, 1 wash stand, 1 bdls moulding, Dr. J. P. Watson; 4 bxs brushes, Hill, W. & Co; 1 bdl handles, H. J. Wright; 1 box glass ware, T. B. Gorsuch; 1 cars coal, A. V. R. R. Co; 4 do, C. & P. R. R. Co.

PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO R. R. Co.—4 kegs a butter, C. W. Hazel & Co; 4 do, James H. Loh & Co; 1 car potatoes, P. Godell; 1 do, Peabody, H. & Co; 2 do, J. McDonald; 2 do, S. Sweetland; 192 boxes cheese, Dilworth Bros; 3 cks q ware, L. S. Layton; 1 tub butter, 1 box do, 1 bucket do, W. E. Douglass; 3 bxs poultry, J. H. Loh & Co; 2 bbls eggs, A. Austin; 1 do d poultry, H. Rea Jr; 2 do tallow, Curry & M; 3 tubs butter, 2 bbls eggs, Voigt, M. & Co; 2 sacks rags, 4 bdls do, McElroy & Co; 3 bbls s iron, C. Ruggles & Co; 41 sks rags, J. Harrison; 62 kegs nails, 22 bars iron, 1 bdl do, W. H. Brown; 49 sks oats, 19 do corn, 100 barrels flour, Shomaker & Co; 43 sks oats, 58 sacks bran, I. Hippley; 1 car stone, Coleman & M; 80 sks b flour, A. Bricker & Son; 42 bxs cheese, Braden & P; 10 tubs butter, J. A. Graff & Son; 270 bdls rails, Lyle, B. & McC; 65 do, Thomas Hare & Bro; 6 cars 1 stone, Moorhead & Co; 50 bbls spirits, Hostetter & S; 1 car hay, W. G. Miller; 1 do eggs, Isaac Osech; 90 sks corn, Price & Son; 19 sacks rags, M. Spratt; 4 pkgs butter, 1 do eggs, Mrs. Gilbert; 4 do eggs, 2 do butter, J. Eswenine; 5 do, 1 do eggs, R. Carson; 8 do butter, 7 do eggs, H. Lenz; 3 do poultry, J. F. Stacey; 1 do eggs, J. Heck; 5 bbls flour, 32 sks do, G. McFerron.

RECEIPTS AT PITTSBURGH ELEVATOR.—1 car corn, M. F. Herron; 1 do, Jno. Rose; 2 do wheat, Marshall, Mck. & Co; 3 cars barley, J. Rhodes, 2 do, J. Schinzer.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, January 21, 1876.

FLOUR—Quiet and firm.

GRAIN—Wheat steady; No. 1 Chicago spring $1,10; No. 2 $1,01¼; spot; 99¾c seller February and March, has sold at $1,00½ seller February; No. 3 81c; rejected 66c. Oats dull and a shade lower; No. 2 30¾a31c spot; 31c seller February. Corn dull and a shade lower; No. 2 43¼c spot; 42¾c seller February; 45¾c seller May. Rye quiet, steady and unchanged. Barley firm at 80a81c.

PROVISIONS—Pork active, but lower; $19,15a19,17½ spot; $19,12½a19,22 1-2 seller February; $19,62 1-2a19,55 seller March. Lard quiet and weak; $12,10 spot; $12,47 1-2a12,20 seller February; $12,32 1-2a12,35 seller March. Bulk meats steady and unchanged.

WHISKY—Steady and in moderate demand at $1,08.

New York.

NEW YORK, January 21.—Flour firm; receipts 14,000 bbls.; super western and State $4,50a4,65; common to good $5,00a5,35; good to choice $5,40a5,90; white wheat extra $5,95a8,75; St. Louis $5,40a9,00; extra Ohio $5,00a8,75. Rye flour quiet; $4,20a5,25. Cornmeal more active; $3,00a3,40. Wheat quiet and heavy; receipts 21,000 bush.; spring ungraded $1,03; No. 1 spring $1,34a1,40; No. 2 Milwaukee $1,22a1,24; No. 3 do $1,10a1,11; winter red western no grade $1,05. Corn closed heavy and lower; receipts 56,000 bush.; mixed unmerchantable 52 1-2c; yellow western 64a66c; white 62a64c. Rye quiet; Canada in bond 95c. Barley firm and unchanged. Malt more fairly active. Oats quiet and dull; receipts 9,000; western mixed State 44a48c; white western 46a52c. Hay firm; shipping 85c. Hops firm; eastern and western 10a15c. Coffee quiet and unchanged. Sugar quiet; fair to good refining 8a8¼c; prime 8¾c. Molasses quiet and unchanged. Rice quiet; Rangoon 6¼c. Petroleum firm but quiet; crude 8¼a8¾c; refined 14a14½c. Rosin quiet at 62½a67½c. Turpentine quiet at 37c. Eggs heavy at 20a23c. Pork dull at $20,75a21. Beef quiet. Cut meats quiet; middles quiet; western long clear 10¾a11c. Lard heavy; prime steam 10¾a11c. Butter—western 16a26c. Cheese unchanged. Whisky: demand fair and market firm; $1,10¼c.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, January 11.—Petroleum quiet; refined 13¾c; crude 11a11¼c. Clover seed scarce and wanted; $12,50. Flax seed is worth $1,65. Flour quiet; medium low grades weak; superfine $4a4,25; extra $4,25a4,62½; unsound $5,50; Minnesota family $5,75a6,50; Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana $6a6,50; high grades do $7a8,50. Wheat firm; Pennsylvania red $1,37a1,40; amber $1,41; western red $1,05a1,30. Rye 88c. Corn dull; yellow 57a81c; white 60c. Oats weak; white 44a48c; mixed and stained 42a43c. Whisky steady; $1,11 for western iron bound. Butter quiet and dull; and hence we cannot estimate with any degree of accuracy the exporting power of the country, but feel assured that the public have been misled by the numerous editorials throughout the land, greatly misrepresenting the situation, have done much injury, more especially with those not well informed, and with foreign readers our reputation for accurate statistical information will be greatly impaired. The fact is, but few editors here have any knowledge of the crop of the country, and the agricultural statistics published at Washington cannot be relied upon. The movement in wheat at the northwest has been very light, and prices have improved. Our advices from various parts of Wisconsin represent the supplies in the hands of farmers as light, and express the opinion that sixty-eight or seventy per cent of the last crop, has already been marketed. From Minnesota the estimate is that more than half is exhausted. The quantity used by millers excels that of last year very considerably. The increase in the home consumption is variously estimated, probably 6 per cent., and the increased requirements of farmers for seed is placed at 10 per cent. From Iowa the reports are extremely discouraging, the intelligence in regard to the quantity and quality of that on hand is anything but hopeful of any considerable supplies thence of really good wheat the coming spring, and it is very plain to us that no State in the Union suffered more than Iowa from excessive moisture, and of the moderate surplus they now have on hand very little of it is really Nos. 1 and 2—the major part of it must be classed as No. 3 and rejected, and the same is true of Northern Illinois. If we place the crop of Minnesota last year at 34,000,000 bu., which is a large estimate, and assume her present supply to be 18,000,000 bu. we cannot estimate her supply or sound wheat at over 6,000,000 bu., of which one-third will be required for seed, hence the prospect of liberal supplies of really good wheat from that State (which is so popular with millers every where) is anything but encouraging. Quite a large trade has been done in rejected ungraded and No. 3 spring, both for export and milling, at hardening prices, and we find our stock is rapidly diminishing. Our millers have a preference for choice red and amber wheats freely—the former has been taken to a limited extent for export to the continent—but inferior red winter has been slow of sale, and is not wanted here. Choice white has sold slowly but at extreme prices. Our advices from Europe are favorable for a large and growing demand for our surplus as the season advances. The stocks of white wheat at Liverpool and London are large—chiefly from the Pacific coast—and the opinion is expressed that all our surplus spring will be required by their millers to give this the required strength and consistency.

RIVER NEWS.

State of the Rivers, Movements of Steamboats, &c.

OFFICE OF OBSERVATION, SIGNAL SERVICE, U. S. ARMY.—DAILY REPORT OF THE STAGE OF WATER, WITH CHANGES IN THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT 3 P. M.

Pittsburgh, January 21, 1876.

Stations.	Above low water—ft.	Change in 24 hrs.—ft.	State of Weather.	Wind.
Cairo, Ill	20	9	Cloudy.	S
Cincinnati, Ohio	28	6	Clear.	SE
Davenport, Iowa	2	6	Cloudy.	E
Dubuque, Iowa	5	9	Cloudy.	E
Keokuk, Iowa	4	11	Th'tg.	E
Leavenworth, Ks.	5	8	Lt. Rain.	SE
Louisville	12	1	Cloudy.	SE
Memphis, Tenn.	23	3	Cloudy.	SE
Nashville, Tenn.	21	10	Cloudy.	SE
Pittsburgh, Pa.	12	3	Fair.	N
Shreveport	25	4	Cloudy.	SE
St. Louis, Mo.	2	10	Lt. Rain.	S
Vicksburg, Miss.	37	7	Fair.	S

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HOME NEWS.

SEARCHING AFTER TRUTH.

Second Day of the Investigation into the Alleged Reform School Cruelties.

A Chapter of Interesting Testimony Furnished by the Inmates—Alleged Cruelties Disappearing Under the Rigid Scrutiny of the Committee—Something Definite About McElhany's Charge of the Misuse of Public Funds.

The second day of the investigation into the discipline of the Reform School was begun yesterday at 10 A. M., in the institution, by Messrs. Wells and Bakewell. Miss Pence, who was on the stand at the hour of adjournment last night, did not put in an appearance promptly, and the committee proceeded to the examination of inmates of the institution. Mr. Swartzwelder appeared as counsel for Mr Avery and Mr. Doty appeared on behalf of the prosecutors. The first witness examined was Mary Kernan, a white girl of fourteen. After being informed of the meaning of the oath, she was examined by the committee, and in answer to questions testified as follows:

I have been here four years next September; do housework in Mrs. Avery's room; I sweep, make beds and clean up in the morning; in the afternoon I go to school; also in the evening; I attend to Mr. Avery's children, Girty and Jack, also; Topsy Black helps me in working in Mrs. Avery's room; I have been whipped once or twice; the first time I got whipped I was in the boys' dining-room working; I was talking, and Miss Kimmel reported me to Miss McCoy; Miss McCoy then whipped me in the girls' hall; she whipped me with one of them big whips; it was covered with leather, and about three feet long; she struck me over the shoulder and on the back; she gave me ten or eleven cuts; I didn't cry; this was about two years ago; she cut me also on the breast; the second time I was whipped I was in the main building; I didn't do what I was told and Miss Cook reported me to Miss McCoy; Miss McCoy then gave me five or six cuts with a whip; this was also in the boys' dining-room; Miss McCoy slapped me once on the cheek because I wouldn't stop talking to Ann McCarthy; it was a slap with her open hand; these were the only times I ever was punished.

MR. AVERY NEVER WHIPPED ME.

nor threatened to whip me; Mr. Avery whipped his own children once; they had did; next morning I noticed some marks on my arm where I had been struck; the marks were black and blue; my back felt sore, too; asked one of the girls to look at my back and she said there were a couple of marks on it; it was red; I also showed Emma Bekerd and she said Miss Pence ought to see it; I was working for Miss Pence at that particular time; I showed the marks to Miss Pence; she said "it was a shame;" I next showed the marks to Miss Hollet, the wash-house officer, and Mrs. Miller; afterward Miss Nieman was trying a dress on me, when she asked me what was the matter with my back, and I told her; she looked very sorry for me, but didn't say anything; it took about a week for my arm to get all right; don't remember how long it is was for the mark to leave my back; I was whipped a second time by Miss McCoy for showing my temper because I was tired of scrubbing; Mrs. Miller reported me; this time I was punished in the tailor room, and with a whip; she didn't whip me so hard as she did the other time, which was about two weeks before; Miss McCoy didn't seem to be out of temper; she said I must be a good girl—she didn't like to whip me; I went on then for a couple of months without being punished; I got this third whipping for talking in the bakehouse; I was talking loud about a mouse that had got into the bread; the mouse wasn't cooked in the bread; but had been gnawing at it long this time Miss McCoy struck me about five times; she talked to me kind again; these whippings made me feel pretty cross sometimes; the time we discovered the mouse in the bread I had been talking to Maggie Barr; Maggie was talking, too, at the time, but don't think Miss McCoy heard her; this was before last Christmas; last Wednesday week I was put into my room for a week by Miss Kelly; I was locked up, and only got out day before yesterday; Miss Kelly has told me to straighten up my back and go to tea; I told her my back was as straight as hers, and I couldn't make it straighter;" that was why she locked me up; Miss McCoy let me out day before yesterday; Mr. Avery had come to the school room, not knowing I had been released, and asked the girls if they thought I wouldn't be a good girl if I was let out; the girls all said "yes," but I was already out; I got my meals pretty regularly while I was locked up, but twice they forgot to bring my meals; Mrs. Miller and Miss McCoy brought my meals; four of the meals were bread and water; the first day I was in I got nothing but bread and water, and next morning the same; on the day I got out—that was yesterday—I got the best meal of all; I had some library books and my little testament to while away the time while locked up; that was all; after I had been locked up two days Miss McCoy came and asked if I wasn't sorry; I said "yes;" she said she wanted me to keep still and not give impudence when I got out; she left the door open that evening to let in the warm air in; my room was cold and I had asked her to let warm air in; the door was not open afterward to let warm air in.

Upon the conclusion of Lucinda's testimony a recess was taken for dinner.

After recess Miss Pence who had come in during the examination of Lucinda Jones was re-called and testified: Am certain that Miss McCoy kicked Mary Trenner over the bucket, as the ladies meeting I remember that Avery said he would blast the reputation of any lady that was disloyal to the institution; a petition was handed to me to sign, the tenor of which was a request for Miss McCoy to remain in the institution as that lady had ex-pressed an intention to leave, I refused to sign it and my position in the institution was so unpleasant after that that I left; after Miss Dickey and Mrs. McKelvy left the institution everything changed for the better and I believe Mr. Avery preached a Presbyterian sermon; I mean by a Presbyterian sermon that he preached kindness and did not wear a surplice; [Mr. Wells interjected a remark that some other denominations preached the same doctrine] the officers were not sociable.

A TROUBLESOME WITNESS.

Mrs. Sarah C. McKelvy, sworn:—Came to the House of Refuge on July 6th, 1875, as laundry officer; remained four months; my duties called me into various other departments of the house; was in the boy's dining room in the mornings; was generally acquainted with the girls about the house; the weekly work of the laundry averaged from 1,700 to 2,000 pieces; there were from six to nine girls with myself employed in this work; when Mrs. McCoy introduced me into the laundry she told me that I could depend upon the girls, as they were all thieves and liars; never saw Mr. Avery administer punishment; saw Mrs. McCoy whip girls; saw Miss McCoy slap a girl vigorously who had complained of having a headache; her case was not a truly offense; slapping about the face and shoulders was a common mode of punishment; Martha Hervey was frequently slapped by the matron; she was a dining room girl; very often an unruly girl was punished instead of a guilty one as the punishment was indiscriminate; Miss Mc Coy used to carry a whip around; I have seen girls whipped; I cannot name any girls who were punished with a whip; had seen the whip, and the girls after they were whipped, but never witnessed a whipping; Ella Harizell was one of the girls who I know was whipped; she was disorderly in my department, I reported her, and she was severely whipped; she then threatened to have me discharged; I saw the whip had been laid on pretty well; know that the whip was used in the kitchen; knew that Miss McCoy was there with a very large whip; could hear the sound of the whip from the laundry window; the whip Miss McCoy carried was a carriage whip, and it had a lash; never saw any whipping done with that whip; the whipping was done with a rule, sticks, whips and other things, but I cannot name the girls who were whipped; I saw her strike Jane Smith with the whip and Miss McCoy were in the yard at the time; the stick that she used was about two feet long and about two inches in breadth; I was in the room when I saw Miss McCoy strike the girl; she was about fifty yards away from me at the time; Miss McCoy struck the girl four or five times over the shoulder with the stick. At this point the witness said that a case that she just described was minutely, was not an instance of experience that came under her eye, but was merely an illustration of the way in which the whipping was generally done. The examination of the witness up to this time had been conducted with a degree of delicacy, as it was well nigh impossible to keep her from generalizing, and when she said that the specific testimony that she had just given was not, after all, a description of a specific case of whipping, Mr. Wells threw up his hands in hopeless despair and begged of Mr. Gill to help Miss McKelvy out of her maze of generalities.

Mr. Gill got her bearing exactly, and, in answer to his first question, she said: I saw her strike Hannah Monan with a stick over her shoulders; the whipping was not what might be called a severe whipping, and it was caused by a report for gross and willful impertinence; the girl deserved the whipping; this was the only case of whipping that occurred in the laundry; where in my printed statement I say that I saw that horrid whip, I carried into all the departments, and laid on with a right good will," was an error, because I did not see it "laid on," though I knew it to have been used; I never saw the whip "laid on" any where; I heard the blows sometimes, and I supposed it was being used; when I took charge of the room Miss McCoy instructed me that if my girls did not do as I wished them to, that I should report them to her, and she would whip them severely; have seen the marks of severe whippings on the persons of my girls, and knew that the whipping had been done by Miss McCoy; heard the officers call the girls very hard names, such as hussies, liars, and thieves, and low mean things; have known Miss McCoy to say to the girls that they were so vile that they could not come within sight of a boy without being excited, and their vile passions brought them to the refuge; I slapped a girl once for impertinence; tried to slap her on the mouth, but she dodged, and I struck her; tried again and slapped her in the face; never struck any of the girls with keys; Mary Foley worked in the laundry; sometimes she was there when she was sick, but the work had to be done, and I told her that she must do it; if she had said that she was real sick I would not have forced her to work; never threatened to kill her, because of her quarrelsome disposition and refusal to work; while the girl was unfit for duty I continued to compel her to work, because she was not relieved by Miss McCoy; finally the girl fainted while at work over the wash-tub; on the day that she fainted the girl had made no complaint to me;

The girl went to work in the laundry the next morning; she was relieved from duty on the day that she fainted; at one time I remonstrated with Miss McCoy about the system of punishment, and she replied that the Refuge was a place for punishment, not for pleasure; Mary Foley preferred death to going to the sewing-room, and when she fainted she said,

"OH, IF I COULD ONLY DIE!"

Here the question of the dislike of the girls to the sewing-room was introduced, and the witness corroborated the testimony of Miss Pence and Miss Dickey, as to the girls' abhorrence of the sewing-room.

Witness continued: Mrs. Millar said the girls were more like animals than human beings, and that moral suasion was lost on them; Mrs. Millar said this upon my suggestion that a more christian treatment should be exercised upon the girls; at a meeting of the officers Mr. Avery said that he could, or would blast the reputation of any officer that was disloyal to the institution; I was discharged without any reason being given; I understood that when Mr. Avery said that he would blast my reputation, that he would not give me a recommendation, and that he would go further and attack my moral character; I think the other ladies had the same understanding; I did not resent this threat of Mr. Avery nor did I report it to any members of the Board of managers while I was in the institution.

To Mr. Schwartzwelder: Miss McCoy and Mrs. Miller applied the epithets that I have named to the girls generally. To Mr. Doty: First saw the large whip in the sewing room and I was told that it was used to whip the girls; I saw Mrs. McCoy carrying the whip so often that I believed it to be her custom; saw the children slapped very frequently; I protested to Mr. Avery against this punishment; the general treatment of the girls by the officers—Miss McCoy, Mrs. Millar and others, I thought was very harsh; generally Miss McCoy and Mrs. Millar spoke harshly to the girls when addressing them.

ARRAIGNMENT OF MRS. MCKELVY.

Mary Foley, sworn—Am 17 years old and have been in the institution ten months, during which time I have been in the laundry; was sick last winter and last fall; when I was taken sick I was working in the laundry under Mrs. McKelvy; I did not complain to Mrs. McKelvy, but she made me work until I fell off my feet; she always had a pick on me and made me work; I was well the day that I fainted; it was before I was taken sick; did not tell her that I was too tired to work; on the day that I fainted I did not tell her I was unwell; sometimes while I was at work I complained of being sick to Mrs. McKelvy; sometimes she relieved me and sometimes she made me work; she said one day that she would kill me, during a fuss that was being made about my scrubbing brush which another girl had; she did not assault me; on the day I fainted I did not feel sick at all; when I recovered consciousness I was still in the laundry; Mrs. McKelvy was not in the same room with me when I fainted; at that time Mrs. McKelvy treated me kindly; after that I was taken sick and I was confined to my room seven weeks.

To Mr. Gill—When Mrs. McKelvey said that she would kill me I did not think that she really intended to take my life.

To. Mr. King—On the day that I fainted I did some extra work at the wringer after I finished my customary work, and while doing this extra work I fainted.

To Mr. Gill—It was not customary for the girls to do more than their allotted task; sometimes the girls had to do some extra work.

To Mr. King—Mrs. McKelvy compelled me to do the extra work.

To Mr. Bakewell—It was only occasionally that extra work was given to the girls.

To Mr. Swartzwelder—At that time it was not usual to give me extra work.

WHAT ELIZABETH NEIMAN KNOWS.

Elizabeth Neiman, sworn—Had charge of the sewing room from May to December, 1875; when fitting dresses on two of the girls—Lucinda Jones and Theresa Gracey—I saw the marks of a whipping on their backs; Lucinda's arm when I saw it had a black and blue bruise on the left shoulder; on her back there were a number of welts, across the back; there were about four or five red welts; did not see whether the skin was broken or not; never told anybody that the skin was hanging in pieces; on Theresa's back there was about the same number of welts, and there was black and blue marks on both of her arms; Louise Dresdot had the skin beaten off both of her cheeks, apparently by the hands or fist; the marks of the blows were about the size of a silver dollar; the girl herself did not tell me how her face came to be bruised; other girls told me that the bruises were caused by a whipping; the officers all treated me patronizingly, except Miss Pence, Miss Dickey and Mrs. McKelvy, and when they left I left too; in addition to this I understood that Mr. Avery had circulated a story to the effect that I had run under libel in my church; I treated the other officers with silent contempt, and they reciprocated; (Here followed a recital of the social and personal relations of Miss Neiman with the officers which had no bearing upon the charges under investigation.)

To Mr. Swartzwelder: Did not know that Louisa Dresdot had been using lye, and that the careless use of it had led to the scarifying of her face; my girls told me that Miss McCoy had whipped Louisa; I never witnessed but one whipping; that was in my room; a girl had used a scissors, contrary to the rules, and mutilated a coat sleeve; just while I was scolding her Miss McCoy came in, and slapped her; about two months after I made an attempt to slap two girls; I did slap one but the other slapped me; I did not the last time that I attempted to slap each of the girls; I made a statement in the press over my name; the statement was written by Mr. Gill and I signed it.

M'ELHANY ON THE STAND.

John G. McElhany sworn: Was connected with the Refuge as Yard Master, and afterwards as Assistant Superintendent; resigned in the Refuge from 1867 to 1874, about seven years; was Assistant Superintendent over three years; my duties were confined to the boys' side; never saw any of the girls punished; Mr. Avery did not punish them; that was a fixture in the institution, and that he knew enough against the Board to blow the institution up, and that they did not dare discharge him; I repeat that Mr. Avery did make this statement to me; I don't know what he meant; this was the only statement he made in that direction; that statement was made in July of 1874 while I was still an officer of the institution; I was dismissed from this but had not notified the Board or officers of institution that I intended to leave; the conversation was held in the assembling room of the Refuge; The expression was a common one; the remark was made was about our duties in the institution; don't know what led to the assertion by Mr. Avery; he did not tell me what the nature of his power was, and I did not ask him; have not stated that I had knowledge of

THE MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

in the Refuge, to any person but the Board of Managers; have stated to one of the Board of Managers what I thought was a misuse of public funds; I made that statement to Mr. Yeager, in August or September last; I have given Mr. Yeager my full knowledge of what I thought was a misuse of public funds; Mr. A. D. Ross was made acquainted with this knowledge; I made these statements to the gentlemen named on the 12th January of the present year; the misuse of the public funds which I suppose to have occurred was made inside of the Board of Managers, but not by the Board of Managers; it was a misuse of public funds by an officer of the Refuge.

Mr. Wells said that the intention of the committee in asking this question was that the Board of State Charities might be put in possession of information that would warrant official cognizance of, and which had been made public in the press of Pittsburgh. This matter has nothing to do with the present investigation and that the committee do not propose to enter further into the investigation of that matter at the present time. The witness in reply to a question by Mr. Swartzwelder said that Mr. Avery made the statement to Mr. Yeager over the Board of Managers, they were alone in the assembling rooms. Replying to Mr. Gill witness said that he never heard Avery say that he would blast the reputation of any officer who was disloyal to the institution. In speaking about this report I said that that was Avery's way of speaking to his officers, and I do not mean to convey that the Superintendent was in the habit of intimidating his officers.

Mr. Swartzwalder said that in leaving the question of the misuse of public funds in its present position the inference left upon the public mind would be very much adverse to the officers of the institution, and he asked that until the whole matter could be investigated that there should be no publication of the subject.

Mr. Wells said that the Board could not control the matter of publication though he believed it might be better to have it suppressed for the pr-sent. But, at the same time, as Mr. McElhany's statement had been stated in the public press he was anxious to discover whether or not Mr. McElhany had made that statement. The committee felt that there there was a doubt in the public mind as to whether the Board of Managers, or the officers of the Refuge were meant as the responsible parties for the misuse of the public funds, and that this question should be definitely settled. The question was already before the Board of Managers in the person of one of its members, and the committee were anxious that all the facts should be thoroughly investigate it. Mr. Bakewell said that this question could not possibly be investigated at this time, but the Board of Charities would at some time in the near future make an investigation into this and all other questions that affect the institution.

Mr. Avery arose here, and said that he was the man referred to, and that he was anxious and willing that the investigation of this charge should be made as soon, and as thorough as possible.

Before leaving the stand McElhany said that he wanted it understood that he had not stated nor did not mean to state that there was an absolute misuse of the public funds by Mr. Avery, but, that he supposed that there had been a misuse of the public funds, and that his part it was purely and simply suppositions.

SUPERINSENDENT AVERY DEFENDS HIMSELF.

The regular investigation was then resumed and Superintendent Avery was sworn, and Miss McCoy was requested to leave the room while the witness was being examined. He testified: Have been Superintendent thirteen years; the practical discipline with regard to punishments of the children is: in the house, one kind of punishment is corporal punishment, inflicted generally with a small stick, or a small whip, in seclusion; the children are never whipped upon the bare skin by the Matron or the female teachers on the girls' side; sometimes punishment is inflicted in the school by the teachers; on one occasion the Matron inflicted punishment in the sewing room and once in the dormitories; no other officers practice whipping on the girl side, except those named and the Superintendent; have sometimes suggested to the matron that there was too much punishment, but I have no impression that the number of whippings in the girls department would not average three per week; have tried to have it fixed so that there would be but little punishment, and for a time the punishment there was for punishment I had the matron report to me before she administered punishment; when they were reported to me there was not one in a month; this class of reports have been rather less than in the last three or four months, and I dont think that Miss McCoy has punished any of the inmates within this time; occasionally girls are locked in their rooms as a punishment; the longest confinement of this kind within the last year that I can recall was not longer than three or four days; my impression is that Lucinda Jones was in her room about three or four days; she may have been in longer; I was not aware that she was confined for a week; this confinement I am afraid is not accompanied by a restriction of diet; in cases of rebellious defiance I have instructed the matron to put the girls in confinement and to feed them on bread and water; I found that my directions were not followed by the matron; the other punishments are the deprivation of play and other social enjoyments; I know of no other punishment that is inflicted; I think that girls have been sent to their rooms for serious offenses; I attempted to regulate the girls, but I found that there occasionally girls of offenses that could not be properly reported to me and I concluded to leave the direction of the female department to the matron; the punishment in the boys' department is the same except that the boys are seldom sent to their rooms; in extreme cases of disobedience or negligence they have been whipped by me; the whippings are very moderate; the record of whippings in a term of nine months average two and a half per week in a whole number of 170 boys; the understanding is that the Assistant Superintendent shall report to me before inflicting punishment; no meals are lost in the house on either side; my instructions are that on no provocation shall a child be deprived of his or her regular meals; don't report to the Board of Managers of the punishments that take place in the schools; visit around the institution every day; have a general supervision and I drop in our departments when I am not expected; am often on a tour of inspection about the house at one o'clock in the morning; very often cases of intended punishment are reported to me, and settled without inflicting any corporal punishment.

To Mr. Swartzwelder—Don't question that an interview of the kind described by McElhany did occur, and something of that kind might have been said by me, but not with an intention to convey the impression that I was a fixture or that I had any controlling power over the Board.

MATRON M'COY DESCRIBES HER SYSTEM OF PUNISHMENT.

Miss Bella McCoy, Matron, sworn—The kind of punishment used among the girls are taking away of their privileges sometimes; sometimes by being sent to their rooms; sometimes by depriving them of their play hours; sometimes I whip the girls, but I never use a whip; have heard of some of the female teachers slapping the girls; no one has the right to administer punishment but me; never whip a girl unless she is reported as guilty of an offense, and the punishment is graded by the offense; they are whipped, when that is necessary, in seclusion; never punished a girl in anger; the largest number I ever punished in one day was two girls; if a girl is very bad I punish her on the spot; I use a small riding whip; have a large whip, but have not used it at all during the last three years, nor have I carried the whip around with me; the place of punishment is in the dormitories and in the day time, when the girls are out of there; the last punishment I ever inflicted was that on Lucinda Jones; I don't know she was marked, because her dress was thin, and the punishment was necessarily severe; whipping is the extreme penalty, and is the last resort to; I report punishments, verbally, to Mr. Avery; have approved my subordinates for inflicting punishment whenever I head that they did so; I have no recollection of ever going into the hall and whipping the girls assembled there.

John Phillips, ex-President of the Board of Managers, sworn: The Board has a committee on discipline; last year Mr. Rinehart was chairman of the committee; the Board entrust the Superintendent and matron with the responsibility of inflicting punishment in the house; the Board do not require officers of the Refuge to report punishment; have no particular system of arriving at knowledge of the nature of punishments administered in the house; there are rules of the Board regulating the discipline, and whenever there is any case of infraction of the rules by the schoolors the Committee on Discipline are obliged to investigate thematter.

Re-direct—Hold the Superintendent alone responsible for the infliction of punishment.

This closed Mr. Phillips' testimony, and Miss McCoy made a supplemental statement to the effect that in her absence the Superintendent assumes the duties of her position, and followed Mr. Phillips in supplemented his testimony by saying that the Committee on Discipline met in the Refuge once a week and examined all reports, and considered all matters that needed their attention.

James Cassidy was sworn—At the request of Mr. Gill, but as it was found that he had not been in the Refuge within twelve years, his testimony was not taken.

WHAT A FORMER TEACHER HAD TO SAY.

Sarah Byington, formerly a teacher in the Refuge during a term of two years, which expired in September of 1874, was sworn and testified that during her experience corporeal punishment was inflicted; she believed that the girls improved in deportment after they had been in the institution some time. Occasionally it was necessary to whip the girls and it was her custom to do the whipping with which to do with them; from three to five cuts of the whip across the back, outside the dress, was considered punishment severe enough for any offense that girls might commit. The general disposition of Miss McCoy is toward kindness, and I never saw her punish a child in anger. This was the last witness and then McWells said they proposed to end the examination of witnesses here.

Mr. Doty said there were other witnesses and he thought it would be necessary to appoint another day when their testimony might be taken.

Mr Wells did not suppose that they expected any more evidence in this case, or that they would exhaust it if they continued the investigation for several days longer. However, he believed that they had sufficient evidence to give them a proper understanding of the case, but if there is any other testimony the committees will be glad to have it sent to them in the shape of affidavits, and in the conclusion of the Board of Charities, the documentary evidence would be given due weight.

Superintendent Avery thought that himself and the ladies who were charged with offenses by witnesses in this investigation should have an opportunity to disprove the charges made, by competent and conclusive testimony. Mr. Gill agreed with Mr. Avery, and he thought that only one side of the subject had been published, and the public had no opportunity to judge fairly of the merits of the case.

Mr. King said there should be another day or two of investigation, so as to give the accused persons a full and fair opportunity to prove their innocence, if they were innocent.

Mr. Wells said that it was imperatively important for him to return home to-night. He had attended this investigation at great personal sacrifice. If all parties were willing to consider him constructively present, Mr. Bakewell could conduct the investigation, with full power, he believed, though it was a rule of the Board of Charities that two members must be present at the inves tigation.

Mr. King said the Board of Managers were perfectly willing, all the others gave assent, and it was decided that the investigation should be continued until Friday next, and then continued until it was effectively closed. Finally, Mr. Wells said that after the committee had settled upon their conclusions in the matter, their report will be made to the Board of Public Charities, at a special meeting to be called for that purpose, and that Board will present its conclusions to the Governor or the Legislature as the case may be. Then the committee adjourned until Tuesday.

BREVITIES.

Paragraphic Pencilings of Passing Events.

····Councils meet on Monday afternoon.

····Interest in the Flemm-Palling shooting case has not abated, and the public demand for a *post mortem* examination grows stronger.

····A Lawrenceville youth knocked his mother down yesterday and robbed her of $150. The cause of it was her declination to furnish him with money. He was under the influence.

····The iron mills of Messrs. Moorhead & Co. at Soho are idle on account of trouble in regard to wages. A reduction of 12½ cents a day was made in the wages of some of the operators, and they refused to accede to it.

····The members of the Friendship Engine Company, on Jackson street, Allegheny, will distribute this evening to the poor over one hundred gallons of soup and several hundred loaves of bread. That is practical Friendship.

····The total loss by the Apollo fire was about $32,000; the insurance $10,000. A great many persons are left in destitute circumstances by the disaster, and aid is solicited. Contributions of the charitably disposed can be sent to Mayor Cochran.

····The Monongahela Wharf Committee met last night in the City Clerk's office and decided to ask Councils for an appropriation of $3,000 for the North Side wharf and $1,500 for the South Side wharf. An ordinance was ordered to be prepared and affirmatively recommended to Councils establishing a wharf on the South Side, from Sixth to Tenth streets.

····It was an Allegheny man who was the victim this time. A young lady was showing a pistol at him, last night, when, as the hammer snapped, the barrel fell upon his favorite corn and nearly killed him. *Leader*—The reputation of the young man, whose name we withhold from an eager public, is such that the lady feels grieved that the injury admits of early and final recovery.

····Some of the gas consumers of Allegheny are growling tremendously at the heavy increase in the quarterly bills lately rendered them. One gentleman's bill was $59. For the previous quarter it was only $24. Another's was $52 for the last quarter, against $27 for the preceding one. This enormous increase we are assured is general throughout the city. What's the matter? Are the dividends getting too small?

····It has been discovered that the robbery of the safe of Messrs. Byers & McCullough was done by Felix McDermott. He has been arrested in Cincinnati on a boat upon which he took his departure down the river. The captain of the boat was telegraphed to, but replied that the man got off at Pomeroy. McDermott is an old jail bird, he being the one who ran off with the Connellsville railroad engine some time ago, and served a term in the Work House for that offense. All trace of him was lost at Pomeroy.

PERSONAL.

···Mr. Hugh Pitcairn, of this city, and well known as Superintendent of the Pan Handle railroad, has purchased a half interest in the Altoona *Tribune*.

···D. C. Phillips and George T. Robinson, of the Brownsville Avenue Commission, resigned recently, and W. H. Sipe and G. N. Monroe were elected to fill their places.

···Hon. Francis Wells, of the Philadelphia *Evening Bulletin*, and a member of the State Board of Charities, who has been engaged in the investigation of the alleged abuses at the Reform School, left last evening for home, whither imperative duties called him. His place as an investigator will doubtless be filled by Mr. Noyes.

Thanks, Kind Sirs.

At a meeting of the members of Knapp's Battery, held last night at the Armory, on Marion avenue, Allegheny, the following resolution, presented by Mr. J. D. Walker, was adopted unanimously and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

Resolved, That the thanks of this organization are due and are hereby tendered to the members of the State Assembly from the North Side for the uniform kindness and attention experienced by us at their hands, and for courtesies extended that rendered our movement in Harrisburg threefold more pleasant and agreeable than it otherwise would have been.

"BILL NO. 24."

A Public Meeting Called to Consider It.

Bill Discussed by Friends and Foes—Its History Repeated—How it is Viewed by Different Speakers—Some Little Pleasantries—The Meeting Opposed to the Measure—Candid and Clear Statements from our Representatives.

An interesting meeting was held in the Hall of the Sixth ward Public School, Allegheny, last evening. The purpose of the meeting was set forth in public hand bills and newspaper announcements to be the consideration of a new bill now before the Legislature empowering the Councils of Allegheny to issue bonds for street improvements under certain conditions. The gathering represented the people of the Fifth and Sixth wards, and the attendance embraced between two and three hundred persons fairly representative of the whole people.

The meeting was called to order about half past seven o'clock, and was duly organized by the election of the following officers:

President—R. H. Knox.

Vice Presidents—A. Lysle, Thos. Jones, Joseph Walton, Robert McKnight, D. L. Patterson, James R. Lindsay, John Trimble, S. P. Ross, Thomas Duffey, E. Robinson, Geo. A. Cochran, S. S. D. Thompson, John Sampson, B. V. Haller, George McCracken, James Graham, Isaac N. Stewart, Wm. Logan, W. W. Speer, L. C. Wyncoop, Bartly Logan, Robert Bailey.

Secretaries—B. F. Collins, M.G. Clark, George Dean, James Duff, S. A. Stewart, John Dunwoody, and Wm. Davidson.

After the organization had been effected and the object of the meeting briefly explained by the chair, a committee on resolutions was appointed, consisting of Messrs. S. P. Ross, I. N. Patterson, J. D. Stross, Samuel R. McCune and D. W. Riggs.

The Committee retired and speech-making was declared in order.

THE ORATORY IS LET ON.

Mr. John Megraw was observed in the audience and responded to vociferous calls by making a rattling address, in which he strongly opposed the law. He based his opposition on the ground that the people didn't want any bond factory started among them; that the city ought to go slow in the matter of street improvements; that the people were already burdened enough; and that the bill was likely to add to the burden of taxation and to the liabilities of the city. He instanced in the course of his remarks several specimens of oppression in the way of street improvements, such as having the stone walls on Howard and on Henderson alleys. He was strongly in favor of putting on the brakes at once. The gentleman's speech was liberally interrupted with applause.

Mr. J. O. Golden, President of Common Council, was the next man called upon. He yielded to the pressure, and proceeded to say that this was not strictly his fight, but he wanted to hear what the people thought about the bill. He consented at some length his approval of the bill in the main, and contended that it was for the advantage of the poor man. In substance the bill allowed Councils to order an improvement of a street or alley, and compelling the assessment to be paid at once, extended the payment over ten years, and the property owner had the loan of the money from the city at five per cent., instead of having to mortgage his property to sharks and thieves who would skin him at the rate of ten per cent. This was the bill they came to discuss. It had nothing to do with Penn avenue and other streets discussed by the last speaker, or he (Golden) would be glad to have it be laid. (Applause.) It was time to stop, and the meeting to-night was for the purpose of saying to the Legislature, "We'll have no more bonds of any kind." (Applause.)

THE DIFFERENCE.

Mr. Megraw [emphatically]—"That's not true." [Laughter.]

Mr. Golden—"Then I stand corrected."

Mr. Megraw—"So you do. Mr. McNaughton has the contract, and I had been out of Council a year when it was let."

Mr. Golden—"Then I stand corrected, and am happy to do the gentleman justice by acknowledging it." [Laughter.]

Mr. Golden then proceeded to speak, and charged Mr. M. with having tried to ally Allegheny to a city which was cursed with the Penn Avenue act.

Mr. Megraw—"That's true. That's so."

Mr. Golden—"While I heartily opposed that, and stood on the side of the workingmen as I do now." The speaker then proceeded to explain that the proposed act was different from the Penn avenue act in that it did not create any commission, but gave the whole matter in charge of Councils. It was not designed to build fine avenues in the rural districts, but to make an avenue only where the people wanted it and there was property to pay for it. Under the Penn avenue act the assessments on property only ran back to a distance of one hundred and twenty feet, while this covered the whole ground, if it ran back a mile.

Mr. Addison Lysle interrupted the speaker to ask if the assessment was made on a piece of property that only ran back ten feet and the lot was sold for $50, when, perhaps, there was an assessment of $1,000 against it, who paid the difference.

Mr. Golden said the city would pay the difference, but it was the same under the present law. If the property did not pay the assessment the city would have to pay it. The speaker said this proposed Bond Act would help the poor man to pay his assessment by dividing it into small amounts, and that property would not be sold. The speaker then branched off somewhat upon the issues between capital and labor, but was called to order by Mr. Megraw, Mr. Patterson, who requested him to stick to the point.

A little confusion occurred at this point, as some of the audience appeared anxious to hear the gentleman on the labor question, whilst others wanted the bill discussed.

Mr. Golden yielded to a suggestion from the chair and again tackled the bill. In his remarks he referred to a decrease in the taxes of the city, and said that he had made an investigation particularly interested in getting the bill through.

Mr. Long said that the City Engineer had never spoken to him about it, and that no friend of that officer had asked him to support the bill.

Mr. Long here expressed a willingness to be questioned about any matter before the Legislature in which Allegheny county was interested, and in response to inquiries explained the points of bill No. 4, dividing cities into five classes and also of the "Slope bill." He concluded by stating in his own behalf, and that of all his colleagues, that they were not in favor of increasing the present debt, and because the Controller had told him so, but if the gentleman didn't want to take it, he (Ross) would assert it again upon his own responsibility as a fact.

Mr. Golden, with a sunny smile upon his Grecian features, remarked again that he did not know that he would.

Mr. Ross' voice was pitched in a somewhat more wailing key, as he inquired if the gentleman doubted his word.

Mr. Golden expressed no decided opinion as to his friend's veracity, but simply repeated the remark: "I say that I don't know that it is so. I—

Mr. Ross chirruped in a voice not unlike the bursting of a bombshell, "Well, I know it is so, and don't dare to tell me I don't tell the truth," and then Mr. Ross waived something in the air that looked like a small cannon ball, but which, subsequently, it was ascertained, was only his clenched fist fixed in battle trim.

Mr Golden (in dulcet strains), "I don't say so. I only say—"

Mr. Ross—"But you do insinuate that I lie, and I want to tell you that I'll hold you personally responsible for that when we get out of here."

Mr. Golden expressed a willingness to assume any proper responsibility, but still wanted to come back to the point that he didn't know whether the gentleman's statement was correct.

A TABLEAU.

Mr. Ross wouldn't stand this, and spreading himself out to the extent of about six feet, advanced in a position where he could put his fist within about two and three quarter inches,—accurate measurement—of Mr. G's proboscis, and gracefully move it,—the fist not the proboscis—under the Councilman's double barreled smeller. The truth of history compels the scribe to record that neither the threatened proboscis or its owner quailed, while it is equally accurate to say that the intensified earnestness of that fist, was not a whit mollified. The audience seemed to appreciate the tremendous destinies which hung trembling in the balance; but opinions were somewhat divided—the more conservative element being anxious for the appearance of the white dove of peace, whilst the younger element evidently looked upon the threat as a most exhilarating episode. "What might have been" cannot be accurately determined, for just when the evening zephyrs bore from the hall a snicker from the spectators which could have been heard in the happy homes of the people far away, more or less—Mr. Megraw stepped between the contending hosts, and in a few seconds though his intervention order reigned in Warsaw.

Mr. Megraw then held the floor a few moments to explain how matters were done in Council—speaking in answer to Mr. Golden's argument, that the matter would be safe in the hands of Council. While he spoke, Mr. G. approached Mr. R., and endeavored to explain that he had not doubted the gentleman's word, but meant to doubt the accuracy of the statement that the taxes would be increased one mill. Mr. R., however, said the matter had not been put in that light, and he would hold the gentleresponsible—and another breeze was apperently coming up, when it was announced that the Committee on Resolutions was ready to report.

A number of gentlemen in the audience desired to hear Mr. Golden conclude his speech.

Mr. Golden did not desire to trespass upon the meeting.

Some little confusion occurred as what was to best to be done, but eventually Mr. Golden, who had from the first expressed a desire to give way, and only held the floor upon demands from the audience, decided the question himself by withdrawing.

Mr. I. N. Patterson, chairman of the committee, then presented the committee's report as follows:

THE RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The citizens of the City of Allegheny, view with alarm, the rapidly increasing indebtedness of our city; it having grown from three hundred and sixteen thousand dollars ($316,000) in the year 1869 to the large sum of one million six hundred and sixty-seven thousand dollars ($1,687,000) in the year 1875, or an increase in about five years of one million three hundred and fifty-four thousand four hundred and forty-one dollars, and this too, exclusive of our school indebtedness.

WHEREAS, Our expenditures in the year 1874, (Controllers report of 1875 not yet printed) amounted to the appalling sum of one million, six hundred and sixty seven dollars, including streets and sewers and exclusive of schools, and

WHEREAS, We view with still greater alarm an effort now being made by one of our representatives at Harrisburg to pass a bill, called No. 24, § by which an unlimited amount of bonds may be issued for the purpose of paving and grading streets, increasing our now far too large municipal debt to a most colossal extent, destroying the value of our property, already most fearfully depreciated, burdening us with taxes, even now distressingly onerous; therefore,

Resolved, That the people of the Fifth and Sixth wards do most solemnly protest against the passage of the bill No. 24 aforesaid, or any other act or bill, by which the indebtedness, either actual or consecutive, of the City of Allegheny, may or shall be in any wise increased.

I. N. PATTERSON,
J. D. STROUS,
S. P. ROSS,
S. MCCUNE,
D. W. RIGGS.

The resolutions, upon a motion, were adopted with but a few dissenting voices, apparently about a dozen or so.

Mr. I. N. Ross was then called upon, and proceeded to discuss the bill in its legal aspects. He thought it was objectionable because it gave Councils power to issue bonds to any extent they pleased; it would lead to extravagance in the streets and alleys; gold bonds would have to be issued under it, and all these must be paid in gold; it gave the contractor the capital to carry on his business by giving him fifty per cent. of his contract price as soon as he commenced work. The speaker further objected to the five per cent. clause in the bill, and on general principles opposed the bill because it was special legislation.

CONTROLLER WARNER'S VIEWS.

Controller Warner was next called out, and made a somewhat lengthy but very interesting address. In brief he opposed the bill, first, because it provided at all for the issue of bonds, and second, because it allowed the issue of bonds for an improper purpose. Underneath the issue of bonds there was the hidden source of municipal evils. The issue of bonds was alike the ruin of the poor and the intensified curse of the rich. [Applause]. He wondered that with the experience of the last fifteen years any man could favor more issues of bonds. He gave all such persons credit for honesty of purpose, but they were mistaken in judgment. He considered the act worse than the Penn avenue act. He instanced the burden under which Pittsburgh labored when it had to borrow $296,000 to pay interest on bonds and said it was no wonder manufacturers were being driven from the city and business men hung their heads in despair.

The speaker then discussed the bill in detail and thought that the latter clause was unconstitutional. It provided that the limit on property improved should be first mortgage, but it often happened that a piece of property was already mortgaged and there could not be a first mortgage.